

AMHERST 1958

Town and School REPORTS



ANNUAL REPORTS
of the
Town Officers
of
Amherst, N. H.
for the
Year Ending December 31, 1958

Also
Officers of School District
Year Ending June 30, 1958

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DEDICATED TO THE FAITHFUL OFFICERS
OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST, NEW HAMPSHIRE

EZRA DOUGLAS EDWARDS

Born in Beverly, Mass. April 23, 1889
died January 8, 1958

Served as Fire Ward and Fire Chief

ARTHUR LESLIE UNDERWOOD

Born in Stow, Mass. May 9, 1897
Died June 21, 1958

Served as Chairman of the War Memorial Book
As Zoning Official 1947-1958
Member of the School Board 1940-1948
Selectman 1948-1953

He Was a Friend

*He made his friends by being one,
And on his friendship men relied;
In every deed that need be done
He made the Golden Rule his guide
His friendly presence brought a cheer
That made the day seem wondrous fair;
His daily living so sincere
Made others love him everywhere;
He was a friend.*

*Just yonder on the star-kissed shore
He carries on in nobler way
Though we can see his face no more,
Thanks for his friendship for a day,
If on his tomb I could indite
The epitaph I have in mind,
One phrase is all that I would write,
The truest that I could find;
He was a friend.*

From an old scrapbook.

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TOWN OFFICERS – 1958

Moderator

Harold H. Wilkins, Sr.

Selectmen

Meric G. Arnold, 1 year

Rae Comerford, 2 years

Allen D. Howard, 3 years

Treasurer

Catherine A. Kruger

Town Clerk

Catherine A. Kruger

Tax Collector

Barbara H. Landry

Highway Agent

Richard G. Crocker

Constable

Albert H. Junkins

Auditors

Orson H. Bragdon

George H. Howard

Supervisors of the Checklists

Frank L. Pearson

Walter D. Wiggan

Donald O. Young

Sexton of Cemeteries

Clarence H. Hagar

Fire Wards

Gordon P. Bowler, Chief

Edward J. Marchildon, 1st Assistant

Robert Locke, 2nd Assistant

Trustees of Trust Funds

Howard G. Arnold, 1 year

Meric G. Arnold, 2 years

Edward A. Conti, 3 years

Library Trustees

Elizabeth Hall, 1 year
Howard L. Husmer (serving temporarily)
Henry F. Merrill, 2 years
Margaret Seamans, 2 years
Cleaveland J. Campbell, 3 years
Laura Prince (serving temporarily)

Zoning Officials

Administrative Official and Building Inspector
Rufus I. Brown

Board of Adjustment

James F. Wanless, 1 year
Hibbert V. Miles, 2 years
Allen D. Howard, 3 years
Fred Vatcher, 4 years
John C. Duff, 5 years

Civil Defense Director

Rae Comerford

**OFFICE HOURS
of
TOWN OFFICERS**

Selectmen

At the Town Hall 2nd and 4th Friday evenings
from 7:30 p. m. to 9:00 p. m.

Tax Collector

Office at home — Mack Hill Road, Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10:00 a. m. to 2:00 p. m.
Also every 2nd and 4th Fridays at Town Hall, 7:30 p. m.

Town Clerk and Treasurer

Every Monday evening 5:00 to 8:00 p. m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00 a. m.-1:30 p. m.
2nd and 4th Fridays, Town Hall — 7:30 p. m.

General Information

Phone Town Hall	Milford 527
Tax Collector	356-J
Town Clerk	1019
Fire Chief	522-J
Assistant Chief	906
Fire Station	540

IN CASE OF FIRE—CALL 80

Road Agent	92-M
Police Chief	Harrison 4-3300

Veteran's exemption blanks must be filed each year
not later than April 15th.

Obtain a permit before burning out of doors. Any
kind of an outside fire is subject to a \$200 fine if started
without a permit.

Every new building, sign or new business requires
a permit.

TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the County of Hillsboro in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

Polls to open at 1:00 p. m. and close at 7:00 p. m.

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said Amherst on Tuesday, the tenth day of March next, at eight of the clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To see if the Town will vote to give the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer authority to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
4. To see if the Town will vote to allow a discount of $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ on 1959 property taxes paid by May 1st, 1959. Any person paying on their 1959 property tax an amount equal to 80% of their 1958 property tax to be allowed $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ discount on their 1959 property tax bill if paid in full by December 1, 1959.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to purchase advertising space in the 1960 Guide of the Merrimack Valley Region, or act in relation thereto.
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1000.00 to continue the plan started in 1956 for the improvement of roads.
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and

appropriate \$500.00 to repair and paint the fence around the common.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000.00 to be used by the Selectmen to continue the repair and renovation of the Town Hall and to have the Moderator appoint a committee to work with the Selectmen to determine the work to be done.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$600.00 to purchase ladders and tires for the Fire Department trucks and paint the Fire Station.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1000.00 to establish a Capital Reserve fund for the ultimate purchase of a fire truck when the 1945 truck is no longer suitable for use.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$750.00 to purchase a blade plow to replace the "V" plow purchased in 1941 and authorize the Selectmen to sell the "V" plow and wing that are no longer suitable for use.

12. To see if the Town will vote to accept a road running from State Highway Route No. 101-A north-erly towards the shore of Stump Pond over land now owned by L. H. Truell. Said land to be conveyed by deed to the Town of Amherst.

This road is approximately 1000 feet in length with a right of way forty-five (45) feet in width.

The road affords access to three permanent homes now, with a potential of nine when the remaining lots are occupied. (By Petition)

13. To see if the Town will vote to require that the following conditions be met before any action is taken towards the acceptance of new roads.

A. The Town to have a clear title to the land with a minimum width of forty-five (45) feet.

B. The prepared road to be constructed to specifications acceptable to the Road Agent before being accepted by the Town.

14. A. To see if the Town will vote to sell and convey to the Amherst Congregational Church, the belfry, tower, steeple and such interest as the Town may have in the structure.

B. To see if the Town will vote to lease to the Amherst Congregational Church for a term of 99 years, the belfry, tower, steeple and such other interest as the Town may have in the structure, in consideration that the Amherst Congregational Church assume the obligation to maintain and repair the property and to save the Town harmless from loss on account of any claims for personal injury or otherwise on account thereof.

In the event that affirmative action is taken on the article, it is recognized that corresponding acceptance action must be taken by the Amherst Congregational Church at a subsequent annual Church meeting. (By request)

15. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 16th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-nine.

ALLEN D. HOWARD,
RAE COMERFORD,
MERIC G. ARNOLD,
Selectmen of Amherst.

BUDGET

**Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year
January 1, 1959 to December 31, 1959.**

Compared with

**Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures
of the Previous Year January 1, 1958 to December 31, 1958.**

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1958	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1958	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1959
From State:			
Interest and dividends tax	\$15,000.00	\$17,344.57	\$17,000.00
Railroad tax		29.86	25.00
Savings bank tax	75.00	146.31	100.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest lands	6.00	5.07	5.00
For fighting forest fires		68.52	
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assist.		63.48	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog licenses	700.00	770.65	700.00
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	5.00	14.50	8.00
Fines & forfeits, municipal court	100.00	126.00	100.00
Rent of town hall and other buildings	200.00	178.50	100.00
Income from trust funds	50.00	208.82	200.00
Income of departments:			
(a) Highway, including rental of equipment		871.97	500.00
Sale of cemetery lots		110.00	
Trust perpetual care		3,550.00	
Tree committee		60.00	
Motor vehicle permit fees	11,000.00	11,334.25	11,000.00
Burning without permits		15.10	
Reimbursement, hospital care, town poor		66.75	
Amount Raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes:			
Souhegan National Bank:			
Grader		16,000.00	
Bridge		9,535.58	
Tax anticipation		10,000.00	

PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURES	Approp'ns Previous Year 1958	Actual Expend. Previous Year 1958	Estimated Expend. Ensuing Year 1959
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town officers' salaries	\$ 2,275.00	\$ 2,275.00	\$ 2,275.00
Town officers' expenses	2,300.00	2,155.92	2,300.00
Election and registration exp.	350.00	399.40	200.00
Municipal court expenses	200.00	200.00	200.00
Expenses town hall and other town buildings and clock	2,625.00	2,792.55	2,700.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police department	1,100.00	1,134.00	1,500.00
Fire department, including hydrant rental	5,800.00	5,869.58	5,800.00
Moth extermin.—Blister Rust & care of trees	2,350.00	2,370.19	2,300.00
Art. 19 of 1956 new fire truck	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Art. 15 of 1957		552.24	
Civil Defense	50.00	50.38	250.00
Health:			
Health dept., including hospitals	50.00	34.00	50.00
Vital statistics	80.00	58.50	80.00
Town dump and garbage removal	400.00	399.65	400.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town maintenance:			
Summer	8,000.00	8,385.11	8,000.00
Winter and snow fences	6,600.00	11,682.25	9,600.00
Street lighting	2,500.00	2,437.02	2,500.00
General exp. of highway dept.	800.00	1,101.06	800.00
Town road aid	1,278.23	1,278.23	1,299.63
Libraries:	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,200.00
Public Welfare:			
Town poor	1,000.00	875.44	1,500.00
Old age assistance	3,200.00	2,745.16	3,200.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day and			
Veterans' Associations	200.00	184.00	200.00
Aid to soldiers & their families	500.00	114.19	500.00
Recreation:			
Parks and playgrounds, including			
band concerts	700.00	708.15	700.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	1,450.00	1,515.46	1,600.00
Souhegan Nursing Association	200.00	200.60	200.00
Unclassified:			
Damages and legal expenses,			
includes dog damage	250.00	100.00	250.00
Abatements		614.48	
Interest:			
On temporary loans	125.00	715.70	125.00
On long term notes and bonds	650.00		750.00

PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURES	Actual		Estimated
	Previous Year 1958	Previous Year 1958	Ensuing Year 1959
Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements:			
Highways and Bridges:			
Bridge Rt. 122		9,535.58	
Town construction, road im- provement program	1,000.00	999.80	1,000.00
Oiling	9,000.00	8,988.47	9,000.00
Auto Permits	700.00	652.50	700.00
Town hall renovation	1,000.00	1,007.64	1,000.00
Taxes bought by town		3,535.78	
Head tax		4,827.50	
New equipment, Grader Art. 7		16,000.00	
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
Anticipation note		10,000.00	
(b) Long term notes, Grader \$4,000.00 and Bridge \$6,535.58	10,000.00	10,535.58	7,000.00
(c) Precinct	4,478.90	4,478.90	4,554.24
(d) Trustees of trust funds		3,957.50	
County Taxes	17,000.00	15,919.48	17,000.00
School Taxes	130,297.79	119,565.98	
Total Expenditures		<u>\$265,952.37</u>	

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES — 1958

	Appropriation	Receipts and Reimbursements 1958	Total Amount Available 1958	Expenditures 1958	Unexpended Balance 1958	Over-drafts 1958
Town officers' salaries	\$ 2,275.00		\$ 2,275.00	\$ 2,275.00		
Town officers' expenses	2,300.00		2,300.00	2,155.92	\$144.08	\$ 53.18
Election and registration	350.00	\$ 2.22	352.22	399.40		
Municipal Court	200.00	126.00	326.00	200.00	126.00	
Town hall and clock	2,625.00	178.50	2,803.50	2,792.55	10.95	
Police department	1,100.00		1,100.00	1,134.00		34.00
Fire department and hydrant rental	5,800.00	93.82	5,893.82	5,869.58	24.24	
Tree Committee	2,350.00	60.00	2,410.00	2,370.19	39.81	
Civil Defense	50.00		50.00	50.38		.38
Health department	50.00		50.00	34.00	16.00	
Vital Statistics	80.00		80.00	58.50	21.50	
Town dumps	400.00		400.00	399.65	.35	
Highways—summer maintenance	8,000.00	398.29	8,398.29	8,385.11	13.18	
Highways—winter maintenance	6,600.00	110.00	6,710.00	11,682.25		4,972.25
Oiling	9,000.00		9,000.00	8,988.47	11.53	
General expense of Highway Dept.	800.00	15.00	815.00	1,101.06		286.06
T. R. A.	1,278.23		1,278.23	1,278.23		
Street lighting	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,437.02	62.98	
Libraries	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00		
Town poor	1,000.00	66.75	1,066.75	875.44	191.31	
Old age assistance	3,200.00	63.48	3,263.48	2,745.16	518.32	
Soldiers aid	500.00		500.00	114.19	385.81	
Memorial Day	200.00		200.00	184.00	16.00	
Parks and playgrounds	700.00		700.00	708.15		8.15
Cemeteries	1,450.00		1,450.00	1,515.46		65.46
Souhegan Nursing Association	200.00		200.00	200.00		

Damages and legal expenses	250.00	100.00	150.00
Auto permits	700.00	652.50	47.50
County tax	15,919.48	15,919.48	
Interest on notes	775.00	715.70	59.30
Precinct tax	4,478.90	4,478.90	
Bridge notes 1957 and 1958	6,000.00	6,535.58	535.58
Grader Art. 7	4,000.00	4,000.00	
Fire Truck	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Article No. 6, Road improvement	1,000.00	999.80	.20
Article No. 8, Town hall renovation	1,000.00	1,007.64	7.64

COMPARATIVE INVENTORY

Summary: Inventory, Appropriations and Tax Rate

	1957	1958
Land and Buildings	\$2,173,670.	\$3,130,742.
Electric Plants	100,000.	104,000.
Horses	1,950. (39)	1,900. (38)
Neat Stock	800. (20)	1,360. (34)
Cows	19,840. (419)	14,800. (370)
Sheep and Goats	875. (110)	680. (85)
Hens	5,380. (24,402)	5,565. (24,243)
Hogs		16. (2)
Fur-bearing animals and Rabbits		150. (60)
Gasoline Pumps	1,375.	1,125.
Wood and Lumber	13,060.	18,500.
Mills and Machinery	6,300.	5,700.
Stock in Trade	29,000.	21,620.
House Trailers used as Dwellings		2,400.
Totals	\$2,352,250.	\$3,308,558.
Veterans' Exemption	161,575.	176,800.
Net Taxable Property	\$2,190,675.	\$3,131,758.
Town Appropriations		\$ 87,652.71
School Appropriations		130,297.79
Total Appropriations		217,950.50
Tax Rate per \$100	1957 \$7.34	1958 \$5.88
School Rate	5.21	4.12
Town Rate	2.13	1.76
Precinct Rate	.78	.45

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash:		
In hands of Treasurer	\$15,636	13
Capital Reserve Funds:		
Grader Fund	2,213	25
Unredeemed Taxes:		
(a) Levy of 1957	3,100	10
(b) Levy of 1956	311	72
(c) Previous Years	7	31
Uncollected Taxes:		
(a) Levy of 1958	32,120	57
(b) Levy of 1957	90	50
(c) State Head Taxes — Levy of 1958	995	00
(f) State Head Taxes — Previous Years	25	00
Total Assets	\$54,499	58
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Excess of liabilities over assets (Net Debt)	\$	247 76
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Grand Total	\$54,747	34

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
(a) State Head Taxes — 1958		
(Uncollected \$995.00)		
(Collected — not remitted to		
State Treasurer \$45.00)	1,040	00
(b) Yield Tax — Bond and Debt Retirement		
(Uncollected \$60.35)		
(Collected — not remitted to		
State Treasurer \$433.74)	494	09
Due to the School Districts:		
Balance of Appropriation	21,000	00
Capital Reserve Funds:		
Grader Fund	2,213	25
Long Term Notes Outstanding:		
Grader Notes	12,000	00

Bridge Notes	18,000 00
Total Liabilities	<u>\$54,747 34</u>
Grand Total	\$54,747 34
Net Surplus, December 31, 1957	13,721 27
Net Debt, December 31, 1958	247 76

State purpose for which debt was created:
Grader Notes and Bridge Notes

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

Town of Amherst
December 31st, 1958

	Grader Serial Notes 2½ %	Bridge Rt. 122 Serial Notes 2½ %	Total
Maturity	Original Amount	Original Amount	Maturity
	\$16,000	\$24,535.58	
1959	4,000	3,000	7,000
1960	4,000	3,000	7,000
1961	4,000	3,000	7,000
1962		3,000	3,000
1963		3,000	3,000
1964		3,000	3,000
Total	<u>\$12,000</u>	<u>\$18,000</u>	<u>\$30,000</u>

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

	Description	Value
1.	Town Hall, land and buildings	\$40,000 00
	Furniture and equipment	1,500 00
2.	Libraries, Land and Buildings	18,000 00
	Furniture and equipment	5,000 00
3.	Police Department, land and buildings	
	Equipment	500 00
4.	Fire Department, land and buildings	8,000 00
	Equipment	19,000 00
5.	Highway Department, land and buildings	1,000 00
	Equipment	18,000 00
6.	Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	5,000 00
9.	Schools, land and buildings	130,000 00
	Equipment	8,000 00
10.	Dumps	100 00
11.	All lands and buildings acquired through Tax Collector's deeds:	
	Harding and Cassidy lot, 2 acres	25 00
	Whitmore lot	20 00
	Proctor lot, 25 acres	125 00
	Winslow lot, 9 acres	15 00
	Goodwin building	300 00
	Chandler lot	50 00
	Gelinas lot, 5 acres	100 00
	Melendy lot, 3 acres	25 00
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	Total	\$254,760 00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

AUTOMOBILE ACCOUNT

42 ('57) Auto Permits Jan. 1-March 31, '58	\$ 184 84
1263 ('58) Auto Permits Jan. 1,-Dec. 31, '58	11,149 41

	\$11,334 25

DOG ACCOUNT

264 Male or Spayed Dogs	\$528 00
45 Female Dogs	225 00
15 Dogs licensed part of year	19 75
4 Kennels	56 00
Fines	7 50

Total	\$836 25
Commission for Licensing dogs	65 60

	\$770 65

Notice to owner of keeper of dogs – Chapter 466:1

Every owner or keeper of a dog three months old or over shall annually, on or before the thirtieth day of April, cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed for one year from the first day of the ensuing May, in the office of the clerk of the town wherein said dog is kept, and shall cause it to wear around its neck a collar distinctly marked with its registered number.

50c Penalty if not paid before July 1st.

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
Property, Poll and Yield Taxes
LEVY OF 1958

Dr.

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property	\$190,399 19
Poll	1,504 00
Yield	2,175 11
National Bank Stock	80 70
Total Warrant	----- \$194,159 00
Added Property	29 99
Added Poll	12 00
Interest Collected	27 57

Total Debits	\$194,228 56

Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property	\$158,811 11
Poll	1,244 00
Yield	1,831 98
National Bank Stock	80 70
Interest Collected	27 57
Total	----- \$161,995 36
Discounts Allowed	53 83
Abatements	58 80
Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List:	
Property	\$31,505 44
Poll	272 00
Yield	343 13
Total Uncollected	----- \$ 32,120 57

Total Credits	\$194,228 56

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

State Head Tax LEVY OF 1958

Dr.

Taxes Committed to Collector:	\$5,060 00	
Added Taxes	45 00	
Penalties Collected	4 00	
Total Debits	-----	\$5,109 00

Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer:	\$4,110 00	
Penalties	4 00	
	-----	\$4,114 00
Uncollected as per List		995 00
Total Credits		----- \$5,109 00

SUMMARY OF WARRANT Property, Poll and Yield Taxes LEVY OF 1957

Dr.

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1957:		
Property	\$26,794 39	
Poll	322 00	
Yield	789 52	
	-----	\$27,905 91
Added Taxes:		
Property	\$40 37	
Poll	2 00	
	-----	\$ 42 37
Interest Collected		787 42
Total Debits		----- \$28,735 70

Cr.

Remitted to the Treasurer:	
Property	\$26,695 90

Yield	770 48	
Poll	280 00	
Interest	787 42	
	-----	\$28,533 80
Abatements:		
Property	\$73 40	
Poll	34 00	
	-----	\$ 107 40
Uncollected as per List:		
Property	\$65 46	
Yield	19 04	
Poll	6 00	
	-----	\$ 90 50
Refunded Poll Taxes		4 00

Total Credits		\$28,735 70

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

State Head Tax LEVY OF 1957

	Dr.	
Uncollected as of		
January 1, 1958	\$1,155 00	
Added Tax	5 00	
Penalties Collected	99 50	
Total Debits	-----	\$1,259 50
	Cr.	
Remittances to Treasurer	\$1,020 00	
Abated	115 00	
Penalties Collected	99 50	
	-----	\$1,234 50
Uncollected as per List		25 00

Total Credits		\$1,259 50

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
State Head Tax
LEVY OF 1956

Dr.		
Uncollected as of		
January 1, 1958	\$25 00	
Penalties Collected	2 00	
Total Debits	-----	\$27 00
Cr.		
Remitted to the Treasurer	\$20 00	
Penalties remitted	2 00	
	-----	\$22 00
Abated during 1958		5 00
Total Credits	-----	\$27 00

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
Poll Taxes
LEVY OF 1956

Uncollected as per List Jan. 1, 1958	\$8 00
Cr.	
Remitted to Treasurer	\$8 00

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
Poll Taxes
LEVY OF 1955

Uncollected as per List Jan. 1, 1958	\$6 00
Cr.	
Abated during the year	\$6 00

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
State Head Tax
LEVY OF 1955

Uncollected as per List Jan. 1, 1958	\$30 00	
Penalties collected	90	
	-----	\$30 90

	Cr.	
Remitted to Treasurer	\$5 00	
Penalties remitted	90	
	-----	\$ 5 90
Abated during the year		25 00

		\$30 90

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS
As of December 31, 1958

	Dr.		
	1957	1956	1955
Taxes sold Town, 1958	\$3535.78		
Balance unredeemed			
Jan. 1, 1958	598.30	\$433.98	\$346.16
Taxes sold, Gauvin	64.24		
Interested collected	15.78	8.50	48.17
	-----	-----	-----
Total Debits	\$4214.10	\$442.48	\$394.33
	Cr.		
Remittances to Treasurer			
during 1958	\$1062.34	\$116.87	\$326.59
Abated	30.23		6.78
Deeded	5.65	5.39	5.48
Unredeemed	3100.10	311.72	7.31
Interest	15.78	8.50	48.17
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Total Credits	\$4214.10	\$442.48	\$394.33

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT 1958

Cash on hand January 1, 1958		\$ 13,494 66
Received from:		
Barbara H. Landry, Tax Collector:		
Poll, property & head taxes	\$195,863 59	
Redeemed taxes	1,578 22	
	-----	197,441 81
Catherine A. Kruger, Town Clerk:		
Auto permit fees	\$11,334 25	
Dog licenses	770 65	
	-----	12,104 90
Selectmen:		
Pistol permits	\$4 50	
Permit to sell firearms	4 00	
	-----	8 50
Souhegan National Bank:		
Serial Notes — Grader	\$16,000 00	
Note — anticipation taxes	10,000 00	
Note — Bridge	9,535 58	
	-----	35,535 58
Clarence H. Hagar, Sexton:		
Sale of lots		110 00
Gifts — Perpetual Care:		
Wilhelmina B. Hutchins	\$ 150 00	
Sam G. Langley	250 00	
Cevie Weston Bowley	150 00	
Keith Noble (Alexander Lot)	150 00	
Richard D. Carr	200 00	
Ellen Brown	100 00	
S. B. Jacobs Estate	100 00	
James B. Pettengill heirs	200 00	
Rufus I. Brown	150 00	
Theodore M. Blood	150 00	
Keith Noble (Noble Lot)	150 00	
Harry E. Stevens Estate	1800 00	
	-----	3,550 00

Trustees of Trust Funds:

Fisk Highway		
(Cr. Highway Fund)	\$ 58 82	
Credit Cemetery Fund	150 00	
	-----	208 82

State of New Hampshire:

Head tax reimbursement	\$ 124 17	
Railroad tax	29 86	
Gas refund (cr. summer maint.)	16 87	
Reimbursement, old age recovery	63 48	
Interest and dividends	17,344 57	
Use of grader	598 00	
Forest fire reimbursement	68 52	
Bank tax	146 31	
Reimbursement loss taxes —		
state land	5 07	
Reimbursement '58 head tax exp.	15 51	
Express charges — returning		
ballots for recount	2 22	
Training men	10 20	
	-----	18,424 78

Town Hall Rentals:

American Legion Auxiliary	\$15 00	
Hillsboro Law Enforcement		
Association	10 00	
Souhegan Grange	75 00	
Men's Club	75 00	
Barbara H. Landry — Tel. calls	3 50	
	-----	178 50

Richard G. Crocker, Road Agent:

Sale nuts and bolts	\$ 3 00
Use of grader	39 00
Oliver Merrill, use of grader	19 50
Frank Dreyer, use of grader	13 00
Keith Noble (cr. winter maint.)	20 00
Harold Wilkins (cr. winter maint.)	25 00

Carl S. Merrill (cr. winter maint.)	25	00
Theodora Lincoln		
(cr. winter maint.)	40	00
L. M. Pike (cr. sumer maint.)	20	00
American Emp. Insurance Co. —		
release claim	52	60
	-----	257 10
Public Welfare:		
Reimbursement hospital care		66 75
Fire Department:		
Burning without obtaining		
permit, L. E. Brownell	15	10
Filing fees, candidates for election	6	00
George H. Howard:		
Court fees		126 00
Tree Committee:		
Amherst Congregational Church		60 00

		\$281,588 50
Total Receipts	\$268,093	84
On hand January 1, 1958	13,494	66

Total	\$281,588	50
Less Selectmen's orders paid	265,952	37

Balance December 31, 1958	\$ 15,636	13

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries

Appropriation \$2,275.00

Expended:

Selectmen (3)	\$1,050 00	
Tax Collector	650 00	
Treasurer and Clerk	400 00	
Trustee of Trust Fund	75 00	
Auditors (2)	100 00	
	-----	\$2,275 00

Town Officers' Expenses

Appropriation \$2,300.00

Expended:

Expenses	\$ 886 91	
Supplies	172 06	
Printing	797 83	
Insurance and Bonds	299 12	
	-----	2,155 92

Election and Registration

Appropriation \$350.00

Expended:

Officers	\$170 00	
Expenses	25 40	
Supervisors	204 00	
	-----	399 40

Municipal Court

Appropriation \$200.00

Expended:

Salaries, Justices and Clerk	\$200 00
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Town Hall and Other Town Buildings

Appropriation \$2,625.00

Expended:

Janitor services, supplies and repairs	\$ 582 60
Insurance	823 70

Fuel oil, gas, electricity and telephone	1,386 25	
	-----	2,792 55

Police Department
Appropriation \$1,100.00

Expended:		
Payments to Police Officers	\$1,040 98	
Supplies	70 75	
Insurance and Workman's Compensation	22 27	
	-----	1,134 00

Fire Department (Including Hydrant Rental)
Appropriation \$5,800.00

Expended:		
Repairs and supplies	\$1,416 10	
Insurance	600 16	
Conversion (oil burner)	362 68	
Fire Station heat, lights and telephone	902 85	
Fire bills	1,152 79	
Hydrant rental and water bill	1,435 00	
	-----	5,869 58

Tree Committee
Appropriated \$2,350.00

Expended:		
Removal of brush and trees	\$ 746 52	
Pruning and Spraying	1,322 00	
Supplies and planting new trees	301 67	
	-----	2,370 19

Civil Defense
Appropriated \$50.00

Expended:		
Radio Antenna supplies		50 38

Health Department
Appropriated \$50.00

Expended:	
Health Officer	34 00

Vital Statistics
Appropriated \$80.00

Expended:	
Town Clerk	58 50

Town Road Aid
Appropriation \$1,278.23

Expended:	
State of New Hampshire	1,278 23

Street Lighting
Appropriated \$2,500.00

Expended:	
Public Service Company of N. H.	2,437 02

Summer Maintenance
Appropriation \$8,000.00

Credits		
Fisk Highway Fund	\$	58 82
State of N. H. Gas Refund		16 87
L. M. Pike, truck rental		20 00
Edward Mack, repair fence		52 60
State of N. H. grader rental		250 00
		\$8,398 29
Supplies and Materials	\$	1,875 16
Hired equipment		2,542 00
Labor		3,967 95
		\$ 8,385 11

Winter Maintenance
Appropriation \$6,600.00

Credits	
Carl Merrill	\$ 25 00

Harold Wilkins Sr.	25 00	
Mrs. C. T. Lincoln	40 00	
Keith Noble	20 00	

	\$6,710 00	
Salt, sand and repairs		\$ 3,250 41
Hired equipment		5,489 35
Labor		2,942 49

		\$11,682 25

Libraries

Appropriation \$2,000.00

Expended:

Amherst Town Library	2,000 00
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Town Poor

Appropriation \$1,000.00

Expended:

Board and Care	\$341 00	
Rent	200 00	
Medicine and Medical care	157 98	
Groceries	156 29	
Clothes	20 17	
	-----	875 44

Old Age Assistance

Appropriation \$3,200.00

Expended:

Paid State of New Hampshire	2,745 16
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Soldiers Aid

Appropriation \$500.00

Expended:

Groceries	\$ 76 89	
Fuel oil	20 30	
Rent	17 00	
	-----	114 19

Memorial Day
Appropriation \$200.00

Expended:		
Band	\$150 00	
J. Eaton, speaker	10 00	
H. Davis, wreaths	24 00	
	-----	184 00

Cemeteries
Appropriation \$1,500.00

Expended:		
Labor	\$ 843 62	
Supplies	188 09	
Equipment rental	483 75	
	-----	1,515 46

Souhegan Nursing Association
Appropriation \$200.00

Expended:		
Souhegan Nursing Association		200 00

Damages and Legal Expenses
Appropriation \$250.00

Expended:		
Legal fees		100 00

Auto Permits
Appropriation \$700.00

Expended:		
Paid Town Clerk		652 50

County Tax
Appropriation \$15,919.48

Expended:		
County of Hillsborough		15,919 48

Interest
Appropriation \$775.00

Expended:		
Souhegan National Bank		715 70

Precinct Tax

Appropriation \$4,478 90

Expended:	
Amherst Village District	4,478 90

Article No. 14 of 1955 — Bridge Rt. 122

Expended:	
State of N. H.	9,535 58

Road Grader Purchase
Appropriation \$16,000.00

Expended:	
Scott Machinery Co.	16,000 00

Temporary Loans

Expended:	
Souhegan National Bank, fire truck	\$ 3,000 00
Souhegan National Bank, tax anticipation	10,000 00
Souhegan National Bank, bridge notes	6,535 58
Souhegan National Bank, grader note	4,000 00

	23,535 58

Taxes Bought by Town

Expended:	
Tax Collector	3,535 78

Abatements

Expended	614 48
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Trustees of Trust Funds

Expended:	
Paid to Trustees	3,957 50

Head Tax

Expended:	
State of N. H.	4,827 50

Article No. 15 of 1957 – Fire Equipment

Expended:

Mobile radio	\$220 25	
Walkie Talkie radio and case	196 50	
Power plant (2500w)	135 49	
	-----	552 24

Article No. 8 – Town Hall Repairs

Appropriation \$1,000.00

Expended:

Floor covering (Better Floors Co.)	\$530 00	
Repairs (H. Eastman)	127 64	
Painting (R. S. Going)	350 00	
	-----	1,007 64

Amherst School District

Expended:

Balance of 1957-58 approp.	\$ 10,268 19	
Part of 1958-59 appropriation	109,297 79	
	-----	\$119,565 98

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY AGENT

Richard G. Crocker

Dumps

Appropriation \$400.00

Hired Equipment	\$188 10
Labor	211 55
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	\$399 65

Article 6 — Road Improvement Program

Appropriation \$1,000.00

Hired Equipment	\$666 70
Labor	333 10
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	\$999 80

Parks and Playgrounds

Appropriation \$700.00

Repairs and supplies	\$108 15
Hired Equipment	18 40
Labor	581 60
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	\$708 15

General Expense

Appropriation	\$800 00
Credit (sale of iron)	3 00
State of N. H., car rental	12 00
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	\$815 00

Insurance on men and grader	\$ 466 19
Signs, tools and supplies	413 40
Repairs to town barn	221 47
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	\$1,101 06

Oiling

Appropriation \$9,000.00

Hired Equipment	\$1,911 80
Material — sand, 34,000 gal. asphalt & patch	5,592 47
Labor	1,484 20
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	\$8,988 47

REPORT OF HIGHWAY AGENT

Work on the Summer Maintenance Program included the replacements of seven culverts, setting 80 posts with reflective markers at Culverts and bridges, etc. Signs were posted in various sections of town. There was very little mud in the spring and a minimum of spot graveling was required.

During the summer some roads were spot graveled and the banks cut. Most of the brush cutting this year was accomplished with tractor mowing machines; about three-fourths of the total miles of our roads were mowed.

The money for Article Six was spent cutting banks on two bad corners on Walnut Hill Road at a cost of \$331.50. The remainder of the account was spent on the Lake Road cutting banks between Wilbur Parker's and Jimmy Young's at a cost of \$668.30.

The T.R.A. Program (\$9,799.78) included the widening of the Old Manchester Road by Gill's, graveling the Old Manchester Road, Carter's Road, spot graveling the New Boston Road, Old Cider Mill Road and Warren's Road. We were able to surface treat the preceding except for the north end of the Old Manchester Road. A sealer coat was also added to these roads in the fall.

The Oiling Program provided for the patching of all our black roads and the re-oiling of about fourteen miles of road. Our new grader was used extensively on the re-surfacing program.

The majority of our summer work centered around our new grader. The grading program was started April 12th and continued through the summer months. We were able to grade all our dirt roads several times each, cut banks, remove stones from the road beds and the banks, clean ditches and grade shoulders on our black roads.

The grader was able to maintain our dumps and we were able to cover the dump areas with new gravel.

The following are a few notes of interest: Your new grader will operate on about \$28.00 worth of fuel a month as compared to a monthly fuel of \$65.00 for the operation of the old grader. There were no breakdowns all summer and we were able to rent the machine several times. After the operating expenses were deducted, a total of \$407.50 was added to the grader fund. Increased revenue from this source is anticipated in the years to come.

RICHARD G. CROCKER,
Road Agent.

REPORT OF POLICE CHIEF

Arrests, including assault, neglect, Motor Vehicle violations and accidents	23
Fatality	1
Investigation — accidental shootings	2
Warnings — including D. E. Tags, Fire Ban, juvenile, taking youngsters home	107
Stolen property, sign damage	6
Attended Civil Defense meeting and Air Raid Test	2
Aid to various departments	21
Town Hall affairs requiring police	9
Dances and record hops at Baboosic Lake	34
Lost hunters	2
Complaints of various nature — disturbances, prowlers, bad checks, etc.	102
Traffic duty and accidents, lake area Sundays and holidays	228 hours
Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Hallowe'en	64 hours
Fire duty, including time spent with Fire Marshal's department	6 hours
This department has been called upon for assistance of many types during 1958.	

Checking homes and property while owners are away on vacation enables us to give better protection and we are on the lookout for unusual happenings.

Our department extends thanks to Lieut. Conti, Corporal McBain, State Trooper Trentini, Motor Vehicle Inspector Landry, Chief Rockwell and members of the Milford police department for their cooperation and fine assistance during 1958. Our traffic problems are increasing and will require more attention this year. We have been concerned with the juvenile problem on several occasions. We look to the parents and citizens to keep this at a minimum. There were more people enjoying the facilities of Baboosic Lake last summer

than ever before, next summer promises to equal this record.

The purchase of raincoats, a much needed item, is an anticipated expenditure of \$100. Also a higher budget is expected for 1959 because of increased patrol work.

In '59 — stay in line, observe all traffic rules and regulations thereby helping to cut the Terrible Traffic Toll. Thank you.

ALBERT H. JUNKINS,
Police Chief.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR 1958

In 1958 the Amherst Fire Department was called out 30 times of which 8 were still alarms and consisted of the following:

- 2 Building fires
- 2 Chimney fires
- 3 Auto and truck fires
- 3 Oil burner fires
- 7 Dump fires
- 5 Brush and grass fires
- 8 Miscellaneous fires

To report a fire in Amherst, call Milford 80 or tell the operator that you "want to report a fire in Amherst." For information or any other fire business, do not call 80. This number is for reporting fires only. For any other fire business, call or contact Fire Chief Gordon Bowler.

GORDON BOWLER,
Fire Chief.

FOREST FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

During 1958, Amherst had five brush or grass fires. This is considerably less than the expectancy rate set by the state. Some of this fire record can be credited to a wet year. The most credit belongs right here in town, to the citizens of Amherst, for obeying the fire laws. Not one fire was for burning without a permit. The only time that burning out of doors is permitted without a permit is when the ground is covered with snow.

GORDON BOWLER,
Forest Fire Warden.

You Can Help Prevent Forest Fires

Twenty-five percent of all forest fires in New Hampshire are caused from careless debris burning — brush, paper, leaves, etc. Most of them are started without the required permit from the local forest fire warden. The cost of extinguishing these fires annually runs into large sums of money.

According to law, responsible parties must pay the cost of putting them out. In addition, violators may be subject to court prosecution with fines running as high as (\$200) two-hundred dollars.

In the interest of fire prevention why not eliminate burning at home? Use your town dump. It has been set up for your personal convenience. It provides a suitable place for the disposal of dangerous inflammable waste material and other useless items which accumulate around the home and local stores; brush, etc. cut on your property. Eliminate the hazard of burning yourself. It will be easier for you — personally and financially.

If, however, you do burn on your premises:

1. Secure a permit from your local forest fire warden — the law requires it.

2. Be sure to properly supervise your burning. Don't leave it.
3. Make certain your fire is DEAD OUT before leaving it.

Save yourself much possible difficulty.

Use your town dump.

Number of local fires, 5; number of acres burned, 3.45; number of permits issued, 263.

WINTHROP HANNAFORD,
District Fire Chief.
GORDON P. BOWLER,
Forest Fire Warden

SEXTON'S REPORT

After 25 years we have finally been able to make a good start on fixing up the Chestnut Hill Cemetery. It has been a mass of blueberry bushes, running hemlock, poplar, birches and holes. We have dug out these bushes about one third of the way in and put on new loam, fertilizer and seeds and rolled it down so it can be mowed with a lawnmower.

Out of the \$1515.46, the expense of the five cemeteries were as follows:

C. H. Hagar	\$258 00
R. Griffin	223 43
J. Hanlon	111 75
L. Hayward	123 75
A. Chandler	36 56
R. Hill	17 50
R. Hancock	12 50
E. Houck	4 38
G. Long	18 75
C. H. Hagar, truck and implements	483 75
H. Anderson	25 00
Cabinet Press	15 00
Rodney Woodman	15 50
O. Merrill, loam	70 00
Record book	2 25
Richard Crocker, gravel	30 00
Grass seed	20 17
Bliss, plumbing	12 00
Grave canvas	23 65
Grave irons	11 52

At this time (February 5) there is nothing to report from the Committee concerning the extension of Meadow View Cemetery or a new piece of land elsewhere for a new cemetery.

There were 18 burials; 5 local and 13 from out of town.

CLARENCE H. HAGAR,
Sexton.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
For the Year Ending December 31, 1958

Accrued Interest on hand Jan. 1, 1958	
Souhegan National Bank	\$1,049 60
Manchester Savings Bank	1,787 82
Fidelity Fund	2,000 22
Dividends and Interest received in 1958	2,894 98
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	\$7,732 62
Expenditures in 1958	\$2,148 45
Accrued Interest on hand Dec. 31, 1958	
Souhegan National Bank	\$ 559 21
Manchester Savings Bank	3,024 74
Fidelity Fund	2,000 22
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	\$7,732 62

GRADER FUND

On hand Jan. 1, 1958; Manchester Savings Bk.	\$1,744 18
Deposits in 1958	407 50
Interest Earned in 1958	61 57
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On hand Dec. 31, 1958; Manchester Sav. Bk.	\$2,213 25

MERIC G. ARNOLD,
 EDWARD A. CONTI,
 HOWARD G. ARNOLD,
 Trustees of Trust Funds.

Report of Investment of Common Trust Fund "A" of Amherst, N. H., on December 31, 1958

No. of Shares or Other Units		HOW INVESTED		COMMON TRUST — PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT "A"					
Jan. Add- 1 ed in- 31 Dec. 195819581958		Description of Investment		Balance Beginning Year	Receipts	Capital Gains	New Cost	Transfers	Balance End Year
875	1739	U. S. Treasury "C" Bonds		\$ 8,000.00					\$11,391.82
1156	191175	Manchester Savings Bank, Principal a/c A		11,391.82					8,669.85
509	14	Incorporated Investors Trust 2 for 1 stock split, '57		8,672.03		\$ 2.18	8,669.85		7,713.39
600	20	Massachusetts Investors Trust		7,721.43		8.04	7,713.39		4,784.36
367	9	Chemical Fund		4,804.26		19.30	4,784.96		4,868.78
909	47	Fidelity Fund, Principal a/c		4,876.34		7.56	4,868.78		7,935.30
		Broad Street Investors		7,953.89		18.59	7,935.30		7,953.63
		National Investors		7,965.23		9.60	7,955.63		8,000.00
		Matured "C" Bonds			\$8,000.00			8,000.00	65.27
		Deposited in Manchester Savings Bank Principal a/c A				\$65.27			\$61,385.00
		Total Capital Gains in '58; Manchester Savings Bank		\$61,385.00	\$8,000.00			\$8,000.00	
				COMMON TRUST — INCOME ACCOUNT "A"					
				Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year		
240	8	Souhegan National Bank		\$1,049.60					\$ 559.91
		Manchester Savings Bank		1,611.50					2,708.36
		Fidelity Fund Income a/c		2,000.22					2,000.22
		Income from Principal Account A			\$2,408.11				
		Income from Income Account A			220.31				
		Perpetual Care and Maintenance of Cemeteries				\$1,051.80			
		Town of Amherst; Cemetery Improvement				150.00			
		Amherst Town Library				340.19			
		Amherst School District				421.14			
		Town of Amherst; Highway Maintenance				58.82			
				\$4,661.32	\$2,628.42	\$2,021.95			\$5,267.79

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Amherst, N. H., on December 31, 1958

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	PRINCIPAL			INCOME				
				Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Received	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
1952	Common Trust Fund A	Cemetery Library School Highway	Refer to accompanying report for details	\$61,385.00			61,385.00	\$4,661.32	\$2,628.42	\$2,021.95	\$5,267.79
1930	Special Cemetery Fund B	Cemetery		1,568.34							
1954	Special Cemetery Fund B	Cemetery		Manchester Sav. Bk.			36.00	1,604.34			
1955	New Funds B	Cemetery		Manchester Savings	1,250.00						
1956	New Funds B	Cemetery		Manchester Savings	950.00						
1957	New Funds B	Cemetery		Manchester Savings	1,255.00						
1957	New Funds B	Library	Manchester Savings	603.04							
1957	New Funds B	Cemetery	Manchester Savings	900.00							
1958	New Funds B	Cemetery	Manchester Savings	3,550.00			8,508.04	176.32	266.56	126.50	916.38
				\$67,911.38	\$3,550.00	\$36.00	\$71,497.38	\$4,837.64	\$2,894.98	\$2,148.45	\$5,584.17

DETAILS OF NEW FUNDS

Jennie Alexander	\$ 150.00	Mrs. Rufus L. Brown	150.00
Richard D. Carr	200.00	Theodore M. Blood, Jr.	150.00
Solomon B. Jacobs Est.	100.00	Wilhemina B. Hutchins	150.00
Ellen Brown (Additional)	100.00	John F. Langley (Additional)	150.00
Alfred Stevens (Additional)	1,000.00	Richard W. Weston	150.00
James B. Pettengill	200.00	Emma Noble	150.00
Henry A. Peabody	800.00		

• Income and Expenditures included below

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the accounts of the following Town Officers: Selectmen, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, Road Agent, Trustees of Trust Funds, Treasurer of Library, Clerk of Police Court, and find them correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ORSON H. BRAGDON,
GEORGE H. HOWARD,
Town Auditors.

TREE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Summer of '58 was a wet one — the first in several years — and it definitely was a blessing to all trees in Amherst's sandy soil.

The Dutch Elm disease again took its toll. However, instead of increasing as in many nearby communities, it stayed about even — showing up in 25 elms — of which four were large. Our budget reflects directly the heavy cost of removal of these trees.

Our two sprayings, DORMANT in April and COVER in late May, are essential in our continued endeavor to control the Dutch Elm disease. We urge all residents who have had the two sprays each Spring, to continue them; and any who have not, to do it if at all possible. One diseased Elm can infect all others within a 1,000-foot radius.

Re-planting is the key to Amherst's Tree future. Sixteen trees, including the Christmas tree donated by Carl Doane with its moving financed by the Men's Club, were planted in 1958. We would like to see this number increased.

The Tree Committee welcomes any opportunity to assist private property owners on planting new trees or the care of old.

Respectfully submitted,

G. WINTHROP BROWN,

CREELEY S. BUCHANAN,

ROBERT W. SEAMANS, Chairman.

January 23, 1959

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL OF ZONING ORDINANCE AND BUILDING REGULATIONS

During the year of 1958, there were fifty-five applications for the erection or alteration of buildings and the erection of signs within the town covered by the Zoning Ordinance and Building Regulations on which permits were issued as follows:

Dwelling houses — erection	23
Dwelling houses — alteration	10
Garage alteration	2
Stable	1
Amusement building addition	1
Gift Shops	2
Work Shop	1
Cellar for evergreens	1
Boy Scout Camp	1
House trailer homes	2
Establish business	1
Sign erections	9

Five signs and establishment of one business was refused by the Administrator and permits were authorized by the Board of Zoning Adjustment on appeal.

RUFUS I. BROWN,
Administrative Official.

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

Librarian's Report

During the past year the Library has taken great steps in an effort to keep up with the increasing number of children and adults wishing to make use of its facilities. The total circulation for the year shows an increase of nearly 4000 over that of last year. This is indicative of the continued growth of our schools, plus a greater interest in reading, both in adults and children than heretofore.

To keep up with the demands made upon it, the Library has had new book shelves installed in both the children's room and the adult room. Re-arrangement and re-grouping of the children's books according to age and interest level has been accomplished. This has added greatly not only to the appearance of the rooms, but also to the effectiveness of its operation.

In an effort to increase the cooperation between the school and the Library, the Library is now open on Tuesday morning for the students only. This enables the bus students, in particular, to have more time in their selection of books. This new plan has proved very successful for both the pupils and the librarians.

The Library has now increased its reference material. Three complete sets of encyclopedias are now available, namely the 1958 World Book, 1952 Compton's, and a 1956 set of Encyclopedia Britannica. We are constantly encouraging the children to come in and work with them.

Due to the increasing cost of books, we have introduced the use of paper-backs, in the lighter fiction such as mysteries, westerns and adventure stories. In this way more worthwhile and lasting books may be able to be purchased. Many people have donated these books which has been most appreciated.

New books added to our collection this past year are classified as follows:

Adult fiction	132
Adult non-fiction	57
Juvenile fiction	94
Juvenile non-fiction	68
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Total number added	351

In addition to these, more than 500 books have been borrowed from the State Bookmobile. These books are of great value to us, as they help to supplement our own collection. Books of a specialized nature that our Library does not have, may be borrowed from the State Library upon request. More people should avail themselves of this privilege.

In April, Mrs. Janice Shethar was appointed assistant librarian to replace Mrs. Helen French who resigned.

I wish to acknowledge the gifts of money, books and magazines to the following people: Mrs. Frederick Mosher, Mrs. Carroll Chase, Mrs. Gladys Heckman, Mr. Cleaveland Campbell, Mr. Shirley Carr, Mrs. Robert Seamans, Mrs. Edwin Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Philip B. Holmes, a book in memory of Mrs. Margaret Murphy, Mrs. Catherine Kruger, Mrs. Theodora Lincoln, Miss Frances Dwight, Mr. William Wells, Mrs. Dorothy Davis, Mrs. Norwin S. Bean, Mr. William T. Weitzel, Christian Science Society of Milford, Mrs. Elizabeth Hall and David Smith.

A great deal of interest has been expressed in the colorful art displays shown at the library. They demonstrate the work being done by the students in our schools under the supervision of their art teacher, Mr. Parente.

Circulation figures for the year are as follows.

Adult fiction	4,555	Juvenile fiction	5,514
Adult non-fiction	1,138	Juvenile non-fiction	3,349
Magazines	1,024		-----
	-----		8,863
	6,717		
Grand Total	15,580		

I wish to express my appreciation to Mrs. Robert Seamans for her thoughtfulness in placing attractive flower arrangements in the Library during the year and especially during the holiday season.

In closing, I wish to thank the Board of Trustees for their helpfulness and willingness to cooperate with me at all times this past year.

The Library hours continue to be:

Tuesday A. M., 10:00 - 12:00 (School pupils)
 Tuesday P. M., 2:00 - 5:00
 Friday P. M., 2:00 - 5:00
 Friday evening 7:00 - 9:00

Respectfully submitted,

MARION U. NELSON

Treasurer's Report

General Account

RECEIPTS

January 1, 1958, cash on hand	\$ 443 55
Appropriation	2,000 00
Trust Funds — 1957 additional income	125 19
Trust Funds — 1958 income	215 00
Misc., gifts, fines and sale of books	150 22

	\$2,933 96

DISBURSEMENTS

Books	\$ 874 87
Magazines	103 23

Librarians' salaries	945 65
Janitor's salary	118 66
Lights	93 94
Building and grounds	92 83
Fuel	389 39
Supplies	45 86
Upkeep	32 12
December 31, 1958, cash on hand	237 41

\$2,933 96

Mary B. Upham Fund

RECEIPTS

January 1, 1958, cash on hand	\$1,332 60
Bank interest	43 51

\$1,376 11

DISBURSEMENTS

Reginald S. Going, stain new shelves	\$ 86 46
Kokko Builders, build new shelves	328 00
D. L. Tocher, overhaul Stevens clock	65 00
December 31, 1958, cash on hand	896 65

\$1,376 11

HENRY F. MERRILL,
Treasurer.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

Pertinent sections of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated (202:10 and 202:11) indicate that in general the responsibility of public library trustees are the management of the business and financial affairs of the library and determination of overall policies for its administration. They are required to make "an explicit report" to the town annually, of library receipts and expenditures "and of all the property of the town in their care and custody . . . with such recommendations in reference to the same as they may deem necessary for the town to consider."

This rendering of such a detailed report has not been done in recent years, and this legal responsibility has been called to the attention of public library trustees by the Law Librarian of the New Hampshire State Library.

In compliance therewith, we give our annual report of the trustees:—

Financial Report — The report of our treasurer on the general operating account and on the Mary B. Upham Fund is appended hereto.

Improvements to Building — Shelves have been placed along the three walls of the Children's Room and along the north wall of the Adults' Room and the shelves stained.

Contemplated Improvements — It is planned to replace the old roller shades with new ones; also to effect minor changes in the electric light wiring to replace wiring considered to be of questionable safety and efficiency.

Insurance — The fire insurance on the library building and contents is included in that placed by the Selectmen on other town property. \$10,000 Bodily Injury Liability insurance is carried by the library and the triennial renewal premium falls due May 16, 1959.

Gifts — The trustees acknowledge with thanks a gift from Mrs. Frederick W. Mosher of \$500.00, which has been turned over to the Trustees of Trust Funds, the income from which is to be credited to the library annually. This gift is in addition to a gift of \$603.04 made by Mrs. Mosher in November 1957.

CLEAVELAND J. CAMPBELL,
Chairman
ELIZABETH G. HALL
HOWARD L. HUSMER
LAURA PRINCE
MARGARET SEAMANS
HENRY F. MERRILL, Secretary

AMHERST MUNICIPAL COURT

Dr.	
Balance on hand January 1, 1958	\$ 42 50
Receipts, fines, fees and bail	1,324 20
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Total Debits	\$1,366 70
Cr.	
Balance due Town, December 31, 1958	\$ 90 37
Payments:	
J. Walker Wiggin, return of bail	200 00
Bolic A. Degasis, bonds	520 00
John M. Brant, special justice	10 00
Rae S. Laraba, binder and indices	12 75
Mrs. George Dutton, police matron	9 00
Maxwell Press, supplies	12 58
Motor Vehicle Dept., fines	377 00
Town Treasurer, fines and fees	126 00
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Total Credits	\$1,366 70
Total cases before Court	52

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

At a citizen's request the Planning Board was asked to study our existing zoning regulations in respect to trailers and mobile homes. The suggestion was, that further remedial, permissive or restrictive local legislation be considered.

This controversial subject has become one of the major municipal problems within the State. State conferences and meetings with authorities from elsewhere in the country, and representatives of interested communities have been conducted in Concord. These discussions were directed toward the end of shaping improved enabling legislation controls regarding this problem. The areas of concern are the taxation, proper sanitation and location of trailers.

Locally, the Planning Board unanimously decided not to recommend any changes or amendments at this time.

The Committee has been involved with the consideration and study of Article 12, previous warrant, to see if the Town will vote to acquire a plot of land for recreational purposes such as baseball and similar sports. We concur that this is a worthy and desirable request. That further, there is an active and healthy program of participation existing that has every good chance of being a continuing one through the years.

The small area presently available for use permits facilities only for the youngest age group. Limited as it is, this area faces elimination with any future school expansion. Various parcels of property that appeared to lend themselves as suitable to location, availability, and a minimum of improvement expense, have been considered. None fulfill these requirements.

Meetings with the Water Precinct Commissioners, State Health Department Engineers, and others, were held. The practicality of leasing Village Precinct prop-

erty, and acquiring by purchase abutting property sufficient to provide a large and suitable area, was explored. Obstacles in this direction appear to eliminate this possibility.

The Planning Board feels this study should be continued but wishes to point out at this time that no area appears to be available that is central, reasonable or practical for this purpose.

Signed:

GEORGE E. HAMMOND, Jr.

Chairman

MERIC ARNOLD

DONALD ATKINSON

FOREST JASPER

CHARLES LINCOLN

BENJAMIN PIPER

DEWEY SMITH

AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the
County of Hillsboro in said State, qualified
to vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said Amherst on Friday, the 13th day of March next, at eight of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary District Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To change Article No. 24 to read as follows:

24. Any extension of the water system within the District as shown on the original plan as revised December 7, 1951 and under which the system was completed on January 2, 1952, shall be made only in accord with the following rules and regulations.

(a) Extensions or additions to existing mains shall be applied for in writing to the District Commissioners by a majority of the property owners abutting on the proposed extension or addition.

(b) The cost of such extension or addition to the system within the District shall be borne by the property owners abutting such extension or addition and shall be paid for by a surcharge against such abutters. Such surcharge to be apportioned on a front foot basis in such a manner as to amortize the cost of such addition or extension over a period not to exceed ten years.

(c) Specifications for any extension or addition shall be determined by the District Commissioners.

(d) Extensions or additions to the system within

the District shall be made only under public highways accepted as such by the town, or the State of New Hampshire.

(e) Any extension of the water system beyond the bounds of the District shall depend upon the expansion of the District to include the area to be served by such extension. If the District is thus extended and extension of water system to serve the area thus annexed shall be made in accordance with items (a) (b) (c) and (d) of this article.

(f) Annexation of any area which lies outside the District boundaries shall be by favorable action on a warrant article petitioning for such annexation at a regular or duly authorized special meeting of the District, such a petition signed by a majority of the legally registered voters residing within the area to be thus annexed whose names appear on the Town of Amherst official checklist of voters.

(g) Any service connections to new or existing property shall be done in accordance with Articles 4, 5, 6 of these by-laws.

4. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 20th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-nine.

OTTO K. NEUGEBAUER,
CARL E. PETERSON,
Commissioners of Amherst Village District.

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

OTTO K. NEUGEBAUER,
CARL E. PETERSON,
Commissioners of Amherst Village District.

AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT

The Village District has had a steady continual growth of subscribers since its inception; last year we added five, bringing the total number of water users to 158.

The water tank has been completely scraped on the inside and repainted, and a tell-tale has been added to make control of the pumping cycle more easily controlled. It is quite apparent from inspection that a regular scheduled painting and maintenance program must be maintained in the tower due to the icing conditions that occur in the winter.

It appears upon examining the records that one item in the by-laws has never been officially voted on. This article has been placed in the warrant so that appropriate action can be taken on it at this time.

The commissioners have bought a new type of water meter as replacement meters which are less costly to repair if damaged by freezing. These are proving very satisfactory.

The commissioners wish to take this opportunity to commend Mr. Marchildon for the excellent manner in which he serves the district. Both he and Mr. Kruger have done an outstanding job maintaining the district property in an efficient and economical manner.

CARL PETERSON,
HARRY MITIGUY,
OTTO NEUGEBAUER, Chairman.

February 9, 1959

AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 1958

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1958	\$1,328 70	
Accounts Receivable, including		
December 31 bills	2,705 56	
Total current assets	-----	\$4,034 26
Water System:		
Land and buildings	\$ 679 60	
Wells, pump, mains, etc.	150,252 71	

	\$150,932 31	
Fire alarm system	6,700 00	
Total Fixed Assets	-----	157,632 31

Total Assets		\$161,666 57

LIABILITIES

Bonds Payable	\$119,000 00	
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	42,666 57	
	-----	\$161,666 57

RANDOLPH KRUGER,
Treasurer.

AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT BUDGET

**Estimates of Receipts and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year
January 1, 1959 to December 31, 1959**

Compared to

**Estimated and Actual Receipts and Expenditures of the Previous
Year January 1, 1958 to December 31, 1958**

RECEIPTS			
	Estimated 1958	Received 1958	Estimated 1959
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1958	\$ 404.23	\$ 404.23	\$ 328.70
Reserve	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00
Total	2,404.23	2,404.23	1,328.70
Income water service, prior year (4th quarter)	2,694.10	2,694.10	2,705.76
Income water service current year (1st 3 quarters)	2,900.00	3,238.40	2,900.00
Total income water service	5,594.10	5,932.50	5,605.76
Hydrant rental	1,365.00	1,365.00	1,365.00
Precinct tax	4,478.90	4,478.90*	4,554.24
Total Receipts	\$13,842.23	\$14,180.63	\$12,853.70

EXPENDITURES			
Bonds called and cancelled	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Bond interest	2,745.00	2,745.00	2,610.00
Superintendent's salary	500.00	500.00	500.00
Assistant Superintendent's salary	50.00	50.00	75.00
Tax Collector's salary	50.00	50.00	50.00
Accounting salary	200.00	200.00	200.00
Meters	153.00	179.69	250.00
Electricity	1,100.00	1,053.06	1,100.00
Operating supplies & maintenance	200.00	50.53	250.00
Service connections	100.00	92.34	100.00
Water tests (express charges)	15.00	14.08	15.00
Office supplies and printing	100.00	88.88	150.00
Insurance	125.00	105.05	125.00
Fire alarm	100.00	41.30	100.00
Painting Water Tank		1,682.00	
Reserve	2,000.00	318.00	1,000.00
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1958	404.23	1,010.70	328.70
Total Expenditures	\$13,842.23	\$14,180.63	\$12,853.70

*To be raised by taxes 1959

Marriages Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H. For the Year Ending December 31, 1958

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Name of Bride and Groom</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Name and Station of Persons Officiating</i>
Jan. 20, Westford, Mass.	Barry Bruce Hammond	18	Charles L. Hildreth
	Evelyn Gladys Hathaway	16	Justice of the Peace
Mar. 3, Amherst	Kenneth Lloyd Robie	20	Rev. Frank M. Weiskel
	Ann Haerle Sherman	19	Clergyman
Mar. 6, Bellows Falls, Vt.	Gaylord Mitchel Price	34	Rev. Gardner D. Cottle
	Louise Clarke	32	Clergyman
Apr. 8, Amherst	Benjamin Alanson Keene	25	Catherine A. Kruger
	Diane Virginia Isbel	19	Justice of the Peace
Apr. 26, Merrimack	Robert R. Levesque	18	Claude M. Maker
	Sheila L. Bishop	18	Justice of the Peace
May 17, Nashua	Stanley Thomas Rome	32	Rev. Walter C. Righter
	Ruth Doris Duerschmidt	33	Clergyman
May 17, Manchester	Raymond Gerard		
	Laferriere	22	Rev. Alfred Constant
	Claire Marie Lemelin	20	Priest
June 21, New London, Conn.	Winthrop Peabody		
	Cannon	30	Rev. Francis J. M. Cotter
	Lydia Crane Harrington	16	Clergyman
July 5, New York	Herbert William Harding	63	Rev. Joseph B. Livesay
	Myra P. MacDonald	50	Clergyman
Sept. 2, Dracut, Mass.	Milton Rogers	31	Rev. G. Wesley Pippen
	Avis Boutelle	20	Clergyman
Sept. 14, Amherst	Leland Augustus Thomas	57	Catherine A. Kruger
	Susie May Williams	67	Justice of the Peace
Sept. 20, Portsmouth	Gerald Alexander Wilkins	19	Rev. John N. Feaster
	Barbara Ann Walton	22	Clergyman
Oct. 18, Amherst	Sumner G. Kean	56	Catherine A. Kruger
	Mildred A. Corriere	31	Justice of the Peace
Oct. 25, Amherst	Charles Henry Parker	22	Catherine A. Kruger
	Patricia Mae Weston	22	Justice of the Peace
Nov. 4, Amherst	Robert Clayton Carr	23	Catherine A. Kruger
	Pauline Marie Harrington	19	Justice of the Peace
Nov. 15, Amherst	Heyward F. Cobb	23	Rev. John W. Linzee
	Constance M. Peltonen	18	Clergyman
Dec. 20, Milford	Nicholas D. Skeer	21	Rev. Harold Holder
	Penelope Grace Dunbar	21	Clergyman

Deaths Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H. For the Year Ending December 31, 1958

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Name of Deceased</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Name of Father</i>	<i>Name of Mother</i>
1956				
Mar. 26, Concord	George W. MacKenzie	78	Henry MacKenzie	Lidya ?
1958				
Jan. 8, Nashua	Ezra Douglas Edwards	68	Stephen A. Edwards	Christiana Lovett
Feb. 27, Amherst	Carrie Augusta Thompson	93	James Bodge	Betsy Goodwin
Mar. 29, Manchester	Abbott Wendell Lawrence, Jr.	58	Abbott W. Lawrence, Sr.	Grace A. Spear
Apr. 16, Amherst	Charles Andrew Spaulding	65	Charles C. Spaulding	Nellie Fuller
Apr. 21, Concord	Addie Kelley	91	James Smith	Frances Webster
May 16, Amherst	Caroline S. Fisher	93	Unknown Stratton	Unknown
May 27, Manchester	Margaret Helena Murphy	69	Fred A. Bruce	Sarah McLeavey
June 20, Amherst	Walter Francis Tatro	25	Edward R. Tatro	Alice Underwood
June 21, Shelburne	Arthur L. Underwood	61	Herbert P. Underwood	Anna Ridley
July 15, Manchester	John Wallace Fuller	86	George Fuller	Elizabeth Mephram
July 25, Nashua	Mary Veronica Mahoney	57	Eugene A. Dutton	Margaret W. Caulfield
Aug. 2, Amherst	Emma Snow Turner	89	Eugene Turner	Elizabeth B. Lapham
Aug. 3, Milford	Caroline Wilamina Faber	80	Andrew Faber	Mathilda Knudsen
Aug. 4, Amherst	Susan M. Turner	91	Eugene Turner	Elizabeth B. Lapham
Aug. 22, Amherst	John T. Henderson	88	James Henderson	Margaret Clark
Sept. 15, Andover	Ethel Rica Emerson	64	George Webster	Mary Smith
Sept. 18, Amherst	Maud S. Armstrong	84	Parker Spinney	Abbie Hanson
Sept. 26, Manchester	Ella Mae Potter	53	Henry Parker	Unknown
Oct. 12, Amherst	Edgar Raymond Gendron	47	Henry Gendron	Vitaline Perreault
Nov. 30, Amherst	Beulah Frances Pratt	65	Nathaniel G. Lanman	Louise F. Bancroft
Dec. 17, Gloucester, Mass.	Lendal W. Harding	82	Jeremiah Harding	Sarah Pennington
Dec. 26, Nashua	Evelyn Stanwood Emerson	44	Lendal Harding	Elizabeth Stanwood
Dec. 31, Milford	Roy Aikins	65	John M. Aikins	Elizabeth McIntosh
Dec. 30, Amherst	Karen Viola Pollard	53	John Samuelson	Jennie Hejel

When all is done, say not my day is o'er,
And that through night I seek a dimmer shore;
Say rather that my morn has just begun, —
I greet the dawn and not a setting sun.
When all is done.

Births Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H. For the Year Ending December 31, 1958

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Name of Father</i>	<i>Maiden Name of Mother</i>
Jan. 9, Nashua	Donna Irene	Hugh Robert Creek	Clara Eva Prince
Jan. 14, Nashua	Kevin John	Roy Jay Klumpp	Theresa Margaret Scherr
Jan. 28, Nashua	Kurt Charles	Charles Frederick Kaufold	Gladys Ruth Walters
Jan. 31, Nashua	Dale Robert	William Wesley Clough	Barbara Louise Noyes
Feb. 7, Nashua	Pamela June	Chester Morton Hall	June Violet Wheeler
Feb. 20, Nashua	Bruce Monroe	John Edward Bowler	Marcia Lucille Vatcher
Feb. 27, Nashua	Julia Ann	Harold Herbert Blake	Barbara Ruth Robinson
Mar. 19, Nashua	Ada Mae	Laurence Theodore Kelley	Hilda Katherine Smith
Mar. 26, Nashua	Heidi Elizabeth	Arne Ingemar Weimont	Norma Ruth Tillison
Mar. 27, Nashua	James David	William Louis Hendrix	Elizabeth Turbertt
Apr. 11, Nashua	Diane	Ronald Stephen Labounty	Alma Hill
Apr. 15, Manchester	Duncan Belno	Donald Alan Handy	Martha Lois Duncan
Apr. 26, Nashua	Seth Coolidge	Robert Coolidge Potter	Jane Elizabeth Seymour
May 6, Nashua	Susan Bailey	Burton Stanley Knight	Wilene Cowles
May 7, Goffstown	Henry Edward	Frederick A. Carkin	Virginia May Miner
May 11, Nashua	William Howard	Raymond D. Ouellette	Helen Kay Bedell
May 29, Nashua	Ingrid Priestley	Ernest Hendrick Bjork	Lois Lord Priestley
June 5, Nashua	Henry Richard	Frank Spencer Millward	Ivy Waddilove
June 11, Nashua	Christine Fay	Charles W. Stickney	Edith May Bartlett
June 28, Nashua	Gail Marie	Julian Francis Andress	Mary Theresa Boucher
July 4, Nashua	Randy Joe	William Henry Payne	Virginia Carter
July 9, Manchester	Stephen Davis	Richard Gibson Crocker	Jean Elizabeth Davis
July 10, Manchester	Craig Anthony	Walter Arthur Carson	Kay Leah Johnston
July 12, Ayer, Mass.	Martha Louise	Pierre Eric Martin	Gertrude Whitall
July 16, Nashua	Francis Kevin	Gregory John Brown	Madelaine Beatrice Newbold
July 20, Nashua	Bobbie Jean	Barry Bruce Hammond	Evelyn Gladys Hathaway
July 23, Nashua	Janice Louise	Charles Edward Duval	Patricia Erma McIntyre
Sept. 5, Manchester	Daniel Leonard	Leonard H. Provencher	Lucille Yvette Baribeau
Sept. 6, Nashua	Vanessa Jean	Roger Ludger Biron	Patricia Ann Ingram
Sept. 29, Nashua	Edward	Edward P. Raskiewicz	Mary Rose Roy
Oct. 8, Nashua	Janice Pearl	Kenneth Robert Martel	Mabel Dorothea Burgeson
Oct. 9, Nashua	Matt Charles	Charles Donald Guidmore	Tammi Miriam Heino
Oct. 12, Nashua	Charles Prescott	Howard Prescott Denton	Beverly Lou Margeson
Oct. 16, Nashua	Nancy Marie	Bob Evans Salisbury	Alberta May Whittier
Oct. 18, Manchester	Raymond Andrew	Donald Oliver Young	Marion Grace Macklin
Oct. 20, Nashua	Darleen Gwen	Leslie Aubrey Coldwell	Phyllis Mary Jerry
Dec. 15, Nashua	Reginald Guy 3rd	Reginald Guy Walker, Jr.	Norma Jean Gerry
Dec. 31, Manchester	Susan Renee	Roger Conrad Perrin	Maxine Ellen Wetherbee

Brought From Away and Buried in Town

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Name of Deceased</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Cemetery</i>
Jan. 7, Manchester	Hattie Mae Milbury	80	Meadowview
Jan. 9, Gardner,			
Mass.	Joseph Wilfred Dube	61	St. Patrick's
Jan. 20, Milford	Harold Joseph Dillon	55	St. Patrick's
Feb. 12, Milton,			
Mass.	George H. Pettengill	71	Meadowview
Feb. 17, Milford	Peter Clarkin	82	St. Patrick's
Mar. 9, Nashua	Josephine Miles	74	Meadowview
Mar. 18, Grafton,			
Mass.	Harold Barry	52	Meadowview
Mar. 28, Billerica,			
Mass.	Elizabeth Hartshorn Tholander	91	Meadowview
Apr. 4, Milford	Charles Arthur Carr	80	Meadowview
Apr. 17, Milford	Margaret Frances Cassidy	89	St. Patrick's
Apr. 19, Bath, Me.	Charles W. Shaughnessey	82	St. Patrick's
June 13, Roswell,			
N. Mex.	Paul V. Dutton		St. Patrick's
June 19, Peterborough	Horace Greeley Hanson	68	Meadowview
July 5, Winchester,			
Mass.	Ethel M. Troop	73	Meadowview
July 26, Waterville,			
Maine	Arthur Howard Blood	54	Meadowview
Aug. 9, Cochituate,			
Mass.	Merle B. Vanderclute	40	Meadowview
Aug. 17, Manchester	Arthur Langley Searles	67	Meadowview
Aug. 22, Milford	Dora May Durand	63	St. Patrick's
Sept. 26, Nashua	Dorothy Sloan Johnston	44	Meadowview
Sept. 27, Manchester	Daniel Edward Doyle	63	St. Patrick's

Vital Statistics of a Town are one of its most important records, not merely for today, but for generations to come. If everyone would see to it that the records of their own families were fully and correctly filled out on Marriage, Birth and Death certificates, it might be of great help in making out the records of today.

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CATHERINE A. KRUGER, Town Clerk.

Report of
Ways and Means Committee

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE REPORT

Your Ways and Means Committee has considered each of the items in the Town and School District budgets and each Article in the warrants. In cases where it was considered necessary the representatives of various departments were consulted. It is believed that the following recommendations are as equitable as possible.

The Committee wishes to thank the Town and School Officers and Department Personnel for their ready help.

TOWN WARRANT

Article 1:

No comment is necessary.

Article 2:

We recommend approval of each item in the Town Budget except as noted, and offer the following comments on some of the items:

EXPENSES TOWN HALL AND OTHER TOWN BUILDINGS: We recommend approval. Expenditures for 1958 were about \$2790.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Part of the requested \$400 increase will be non-recurring, namely \$100 for four raincoats. The balance is for covering increased patrolling, which has been done in the past but for which previous budget provided inadequate payment. We recommend approval.

CIVILIAN DEFENSE: \$150 of the \$200 increase sought will be non-recurring since it is expenditure to complete communications hook-up within the State-Town organization. The other \$50 is required to provide minimum organization set-up. It is felt that the Town should go this far since the State organization has been very helpful in our purchasing of communication equipment for the Police and Fire departments. We recommend approval.

WINTER MAINTENANCE: Expenditure on this item in 1958 was \$11,682.25. The amount over the budgeted \$6600 was paid from a surplus in the Town Funds. No such surplus exists now, there being a current deficit of about \$300. Although we had an expenditure of \$12,870.20, on this item, in 1956, it is not expected that the average over a period of time will reach these high figures. The \$9600 requested appears to be a reasonable amount which will help to avoid a major deficit if 1959 should also be a bad year. It reflects, also, an increase from \$4.00 to \$4.70 per hour paid for trucks on snow plowing. We recommend approval.

TOWN ROAD AID: The amount of this item is governed through apportioning of funds by the State which matches the Town's money seven to one. We recommend approval of the increase from \$1278.23 to \$1299.63.

LIBRARIES: A revision and lengthening of "Open-hours" has provided better service to students for reference work. The \$200 increase takes care of salary changes to fit the longer schedule and also provides enough to cover increased expenditures for fuel and light, as dictated by recent experience. We recommend approval.

TOWN POOR: There is some indication that the case load may not be as heavy as expected. We recognize, also, that a lower appropriated amount will not limit, necessarily, payments to truly deserving cases. We recommend that \$1,000 be raised and appropriated for this item.

CEMETERIES: Much volunteer help has made it possible to do a major job in renovating the somewhat neglected Chestnut Hill cemetery. Further such volunteer help is forthcoming to finish the job but, in order to take full advantage of it, certain paid machine work

must be done. The \$150 increase requested seems to be reasonable. We recommend approval.

Article 3 and 4:

We recommend approval.

Article 5:

We recommend that no money be raised or appropriated for this purpose.

Article 6:

We recommend approval. In a continuation of the long range plan for the improvement of black-top roads, as previously recommended by this Committee, more work is planned for the Baboosic road.

Article 7:

We recommend approval. It is planned that expenditures this year will be largely for renovation of the stage area including installation of a new curtain.

We believe that this should be the last of a series of special articles on the renovation and improvement of the Town Hall and recommend that the Selectmen determine a proper amount for annual maintenance and include this in regular budget under "Expenses Town Hall and other Town Buildings."

Article 8:

In view of the fact that 1960 is the year of Amherst's Bicentennial the doing of this work is in order. One cannot be a good citizen any more than he cannot be a good housekeeper if he doesn't take pride in preparing for visitors. We recommend approval but suggest that the painting part of the job be done as late in the season as possible. This will provide a better chance that the fence will be in good condition the following year.

Article 9:

We recommend approval.

Article 10:

Some of our fire-fighting equipment will have to be replaced in four to five years. It makes sense that we start to build a cushion against the impact of expenditure at that time. We recommend approval.

Article 11:

Use of a blade snowplow instead of the old, narrow, V-plow will cut down the number of trips necessary over any given road. This is important in the face of rising costs for truck hire. We recommend approval.

Article 12:

Voting upon the accepting of a new road, such as this, has not been done in Amherst for some years. Our consideration of the matter brought out some points upon which we enlarge as follows:

(a) Acceptance by the Town will entail regulation building and customary maintenance of a hard-top road. Since we do not have what would normally be Planning Board specifications requiring a definite amount of gravel base and provision for a certain width of road and radius of corner, we don't know, at this time, the extent of initial cost to the Town, but we feel sure that the Town would be paying for some work which should have been done before acceptance by the Town.

(b) In our questioning on how the Town can be sure that building construction meets Building Code standards, and thus produce property which will be a sound and fair addition to the Town's tax base, we find that there are no penalties for non-observance of building requirements. We cite this as a general condition and not with specific regard to the particular development covered in this article. Instances of such non-observance, however, have been pointed out by Town Officials.

We recommend disapproval of this article, not because of prejudice against this particular development,

but because there is need for establishing clear-cut regulations and codes by which the value of this and other developments can be determined before being accepted by the Town. By value we mean the extent to which a property can carry its fair share of the tax load in relation to what it costs the Town to service that property.

Since the recommended handling of this article is somewhat of a test case and since we do not want to place undue burden upon the citizens involved, we suggest that the Selectmen work out an equitable arrangement for snow plowing and some grader work, on the road in question, until the matter has been resolved.

Article 13:

We recommend approval but feel that this is only a stop-gap measure.

We recommend that the functions of the Planning Board, established at the 1958 Town Meeting, be defined to include the setting-up, and continued oversight, of regulations covering anything, related to Road and Building construction, which will affect the values of properties in the Town; such regulations to provide for specifications and penalties, for non-observance, where necessary.

Article 14:

No comment.

SCHOOL WARRANT

Articles 1 through 7:

No comment is necessary.

Article 8:

We recommend approval of the School Budget except as noted, and offer the following comments:

ADMINISTRATION: The increased costs for items under this heading total \$681.90 which is a 14% increase above last year. The \$90.00 increase on "Per capita tax" is due to greater number of students. The amounts of the other items are determined by the School Union and the larger amounts in this year's budget represent Amherst's share of the larger salaries and expenses voted by the Union this year.

TEACHERS' SALARIES: Part of the increase on this item is due to salary for necessary additional teacher. As to the balance of the increase we concur, with what we know to be the majority of people, in believing that good teachers merit good salaries; we believe that we have many good teachers in the Amherst school system. We cannot believe, however, than an indiscriminate \$200 raise in the pay scale base and the further application of the automatic 4% service increase is in the interest of either the good teachers or the Amherst taxpayers at this time.

We recognize the value of the School Board's program of interviewing new teachers, as started last year, and urge that this be supplemented, as early as possible, with a merit rating system. Such a system should be developed with the help of the teachers and others in the profession; its operation, however, should be the responsibility of the School Board with some help from the administrative personnel of the Union. We believe that only on the basis of such a system can major pay raises be justified.

On this item we recommend that the raise in pay scale base be limited to \$50.00.

BOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL AIDS: The increase of \$305.00 is caused by increase in number of students and by a rise from \$4.00 to \$4.50 in per pupil cost.

We recommend approval but raise the question as to how much effort is made to keep costs down by co-operative buying and by re-conditioning of used books.

SCHOLARS' SUPPLIES: The increase of \$335.00 is due to increased number of students and to rise from \$5.00 to \$5.50 in per pupil cost. We recommend approval, with the same question on co-operative buying as above.

SUPPLIES AND OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL EXPENSES: \$100.00 increase to cover testing program and to provide \$25.00 toward pay raise for speech teacher. We recommend approval.

SALARIES OF CUSTODIANS: \$100.00 increase; will be handling one extra room. We recommend approval.

WATER, LIGHT, AND JANITOR SUPPLIES: \$200 increase in lighting costs due to recent higher rates. We recommend approval.

REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS: Increase consists of: \$225.00 for installation of panic hardware on doors in Brick School, \$50.00 increase on plumbing repair item, \$50.00 increase on heating plant repair item, and \$75.00 for rubbish collection, an item for which provision has not been made previously. We recommend approval.

HEALTH SUPERVISION: \$44.20 increase in item is Amherst's share of increase in salary to Union nurse. We recommend approval.

TRANSPORTATION: Part of the \$1750.00 increase is due to need for extra bus for high school students and part for cited increase in operating costs. We cannot quarrel too much with the figures presented to us and recommend approval. We would like to point out, however, that this is a major cost item in our budget and that our total expenditure is greater than that of surrounding towns even though our cost per mile may be lower. There is a strong possibility that some overall saving might be made on transportation under a

Co-operative District set-up. This should be kept in mind when considering other articles in this warrant.

TUITION: A reflection of increased student load. We recommend approval.

RETIREMENT: Total increase in this item will be governed by action taken on "Teachers' Salaries" above; Social Security and other retirement benefits are a percentage of salaries.

INSURANCE: As recommended by this Committee last year, we urge that substantial savings be made on this item through placing of insurance with agents of one mutual insurance company.

ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO BUILDINGS: The major item this year is the building of a new fence around the Clark School area; this will cost \$600.00 and the \$300.00 increase applies to this. The other \$600.00 in the item is for regular painting schedule of three rooms per year. We recommend approval.

NEW EQUIPMENT: Expenditure will be for outfitting the extra classroom for 1959-1960 classes. We recommend approval.

Article 9:

We recommend approval.

Article 10:

We recommend that no money be raised or appropriated for this purpose this year. Although the present tables may be old they are rugged enough to stand the abuse encountered. The oilcloth coverings, applied last year, made a great improvement in the appearance and cleanliness of the tops.

Article 11:

We recommend approval.

Article 12:

We recommend approval.

Although the Town Budget was held pretty much to the same total as last year, the School Budget will be increased by close to \$18,000.00 (if recommendations of Ways and Means Committee are accepted; by more if they are not). The total for Town and School will be about 8% more than the total for the year 1958.

Your Committee was faced with the continuing problem of considering items calling for increased or new expenditures, each worthy in its own right, but all adding up to an amount beyond that which can be supported by the normal annual gain of less than 5% in the tax base. Under such conditions, there can only be a corresponding increase in the Tax Rate.

We recommend to your attention, again, the special comments at the end of the Ways and Means Committee Report in the Town Report of 1957. Recent analysis of school situation shows that the trend, indicated in the chart of that report, continues well into the 1960's.

Basically there are three areas in which we can work as citizens to help keep our financial affairs in order. In the first two, as follows, we can exercise some measure of control through the voicing and following of recommendations as they apply to various parts of the Budget items in the first part of this report. In the third area it is going to take the sound and thoughtful thinking of all of us to make progress:

(a) **Tax Base.** This is the thing, and the only thing, that governs the Town's "ability to pay." Once a fair price tag has been placed on every piece of property the only thing, with one exception, which can increase the tax base is the addition of new property. The one exception, of course, is the nominal dollar value increase in property value due to creeping inflation; as long as such conditions are with us they must be recognized and adjustments made.

Our controls in this area are to make sure that any

added property meets the Building and Zoning codes and thus has the value intended. The Planning Board can help by promoting the location, in Amherst, of suitable industrial or commercial enterprises. The Selectmen, as assessors, can make sure that assessed values of property reflect a fair market value at all times.

(b) **Full Value.** Do we get what we pay for? This is the kind of thing we are thinking about when we raise questions on co-operative buying, reconditioning of books, etc. It is why we recommend the purchase of equipment which will save labor and repair costs. It is what we are getting at when we ask for merit rating systems by which to measure the value of what we pay for in the teaching staff. This is the area in which decisions have to be made as to whether an item is a frill wanted by a few people or something that is a necessity to the majority of citizens.

(c) **Extra-Community Planning.** A thoughtful look at the present day problems of a New Hampshire town, such as Amherst, will show that even perfect performance on (a) and (b) above will not be the answer to mounting financial difficulties. Although it is easy to say that such things as the adoption, by the State, of a broad-based tax or the elimination of a costly, out-of-date form of County government would go a long way toward solving our problems, we must recognize that there is strong political pressure against such moves. They will be a long time coming.

However, ways are developing which may offer some relief. Much progress has been made, in the State Department of Education, on concrete help that can be offered to communities looking toward consolidation of School districts. Such consolidations bring greater State Aid for building and, no doubt, will receive a larger proportion of other aid whenever that may become available. Savings can usually be made, also, on transportation under such a set-up.

If this kind of co-operative effort can work out for

School Districts, as it seems to be doing for five communities in the State at the present time, it may be reasonable to believe that something could be worked out for consolidating other Town activities under a common administrative organization. We believe that more might be accomplished along these lines than by waiting for political moves by people who do not have the same immediate interest in Amherst that we have.

ROLAND FRASER, Chairman
CREELEY BUCHANAN
KENNETH EATON
WALTER HANSEN
HOWARD HUSMER
FORREST JASPER

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For the Year Ending June 30, 1958

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AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Officers

Mr. Curtis Worthen, school board	Term Expires 1959
Mr. Prentice Shethar, school board	Term Expires 1960
Mr. James Walker, school board	Term Expires 1961
Mr. Harold C. Bowley	Superintendent
Miss Mabel I. Connolly	Helping Teacher
Mrs. Charlotte M. Dreyer	Clerk and Treasurer
Mr. Creeley Buchanan	Moderator
Alexandre Law, M.D.	School Physician
Mrs. Virginia Gill, R.N.	School Nurse
Mr. Donald Young	Truant Officer

School Calendar 1958-59

Begin	Close
Wed., September 3, 1958	Friday, December 19, 1958
Monday, January 5, 1959	Friday, February 20, 1959
Monday, March 2, 1959	Friday, April 24, 1959
Monday, May 4, 1959	Approx. Thurs., June 11, 1959

Holidays:

October 16-17 — Teachers' Convention

November 27-28 — Thanksgiving

School closes at 12:15 P. M. — November 26

School Calendar 1959-60

Begin	Close
Wed., September 9, 1959	Wed., December 23, 1959
Monday, January 4, 1960	Friday, February 19, 1960
Monday, February 29, 1960	Friday, April 22, 1960
Monday, May 2, 1960	Approx. Fri., June 24, 1960

Holidays:

October 15-16 — Teachers' Convention

November 26-27 — Thanksgiving

School closes at 12:15 P. M. — November 25

May 30 — Memorial Day

Schools must operate for a certain number of days. Therefore, closing for bad weather, etc., necessitates adding days at the end to make up for those lost. Schools will close on the 185 counted day since the Convention, Institutes and Workshops are counted as days in school.

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Amherst qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the sixth day of March 1959, at eight o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appro-

priation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

9. To see if the district will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000.00 as a deficiency appropriation payable on or before June 1, 1959 to compensate for increased tuition costs.

10. To see if the district will raise and appropriate the sum of \$321.49 to purchase new folding tables for the school lunchroom.

11. To see if the district will vote to authorize the school board to make application for and to accept, on behalf of the district, any or all grants or other funds for educational purposes which may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government or from the State of New Hampshire or from any other source.

12. To see if the district will appoint a committee to study a cooperative school district with other districts and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for their use in preparing preliminary plans.

13. To see if the district will vote to petition the state board of education to become part of a cooperative school district of grades one through twelve, said cooperative school district to include the present school districts of Amherst, and Milford, and may include also one or more of the present school districts of Mont Vernon and/or Wilton and/or Lyndeboro and/or Brookline if said districts shall also vote at their annual 1959 school meetings to so petition the state board of education and shall be approved for inclusion by said board in accordance with Revised Statutes Annotated of New Hampshire, Chapter 195 and to elect two representatives from the School District of Amherst, New Hampshire, to serve on an interim committee with like representatives from the other participating district or dis-

tricts to prepare a financial budget for the operation of the proposed cooperative school district and to include in the organization warrant for such cooperative school district an article calling for an appropriation for the first year and to arrange for such other items of business as need to be acted upon at the organization meeting.

14. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Amherst this 13th day of February 1959.

CURTIS R. WORTHEN,
JAMES R. WALKER,
PRENTICE SHETHAR, Jr.
School Board.

NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL ASSESSMENT, 1958

EXPENDITURES

Current Expenditures	\$125,388	48
Capital Outlay:		
Additions and Improvements	900	00
Debt and Interest	8,482	44
Total Appropriation	-----	\$134,770 92

TOTAL RECEIPTS

Balance, June 30, 1958 (Est.)		
State Aid (Est.)	\$	2,490 00
Federal Aid (Est.)		1,500 00
Trust Funds (Est.)		430 00
Assessment Required to meet		
School District Appropriation		130,350 92
Total Appropriation	-----	\$134,770 92

I certify that the above is a correct statement of the obligations authorized, and the amounts to be assessed to meet statutory requirements and appropriations made at the annual meeting of the School District of Amherst held March 8, 1958.

CATHERINE A. KRUGER, Clerk.

REPORT OF TREASURER

(For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1957 to June 30, 1958)

CATHERINE A. KRUGER, Treasurer,
In account with the School District of Amherst.

Dr.

Balance as per last report	\$ 15 66
Board of Selectmen:	
Current appropriation as of March, 1957	115,768 19
Received from State Treasurer:	
State Funds	3,090 00
Federal Funds	1,979 28
Other:	
Tuition	405 00
Trust Funds	421 14
Other Income	175 53
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Total	\$121,854 80

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Payments on order of School Board	\$121,801 67
Cash on hand June 30, 1958	53 13
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Total	\$121,854 80

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

(Required by the State Board of Education from all
State Aided Districts)

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements, and other financial records of the treasurer of the School District of Amherst, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1958, and find them correct in all respects.

ORSON H. BRAGDON,
GEORGE H. HOWARD,
Auditors.

AMHERST SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET

EXPENDITURE BY ITEMS

	Adopted Budget 1957-58	Actual Payments 1957-58	Adopted Budget 1958-59	Proposed Budget 1959-60
Administration:				
1. Salaries of District Officers	\$ 332.00	\$ 332.00	\$ 332.00	\$ 332.00
2. Superintendent's Salary (local share)	944.50	944.50	1,100.00	1,197.70
3. Per Capita Tax	748.00	748.00	798.00	888.00
4. Salaries other Administrative Personnel	1,158.86	1,147.50	1,335.00	1,678.70
5. Administration	607.70	637.14	610.00	760.50
Instruction:				
6. Teachers' Salaries	48,100.00	47,522.05	53,430.00	60,722.40
7. Books and other Instructional Aids	1,280.00	1,423.32	1,360.00	1,665.00
8. Scholars' Supplies	1,600.00	1,406.67	1,700.00	2,035.00
10. Supplies and Other Instruction Expenses	725.00	789.11	800.00	900.00
Operation of School Plant:				
11. Salaries of Custodians	3,500.00	3,566.59	3,700.00	3,800.00
12. Fuel or Heat	2,100.00	1,907.70	2,100.00	2,100.00
13. Water, Light, Janitor Supplies	1,350.00	2,264.09	1,600.00	1,800.00
Maintenance of School Plant:				
14. Repairs and Replacements	300.00	698.27	400.00	800.00
Auxiliary Activities:				
15. Health Supervision	740.00	700.42	839.80	884.00
16. Transportation	13,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00	14,750.00
17. Tuition	26,381.55	26,567.86	35,375.34	44,800.00
18. Special Activities	200.00	1,933.61	200.00	200.00
Fixed Charges:				
19. Retirement	3,403.22	3,365.26	4,068.70	4,868.97
20. Insurance	1,066.59	1,034.47	1,089.64	1,039.71
Capital Outlay:				
22. Additions and Improvements to Buildings	900.00	650.50	900.00	1,200.00

ANNUAL NARRATIVE REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

The number of children coming in to our school system has increased this year and so have the costs of operation. You will note in reviewing the School Budget on the previous pages that there is an increase in many items which must be raised and appropriated to run the school system in 1959-60.

As usual, the largest sum is the teachers' salaries, the payment of which is based on a formula set up for the year 1958-59 and provided for increases on a percentage basis depending upon the training and years of service. The sum of \$3,500 was used as a base of 100% for the first year for those with a Bachelor's Degree with an increase of 4% a year up to a maximum of seven years. Base rates for those with a Master's Degree were \$3,780 and those with less than a Bachelor's Degree \$3,220. This year, after making a survey of the surrounding towns of approximately the same size in the New England states, we find that our starting salary is still low and recommend that the base be raised from the present \$3,500 to \$3,700. This, of course, means a \$200 increase across the board plus 4% for those teachers who have not completed seven years of service.

Following the recommendation of the Ways and Means Committee last year, we have made a study of a merit system for teachers' compensation but have not completed the final framework for presentation. This will probably be done this fall and it is hoped that the pay scale for 1960-61 will be based on this system. As the state has no formal plan to recommend, we have received considerable help from school boards and superintendents in several neighboring towns.

Due to the increase in the number of elementary students, we find that it will be necessary to use the

basement room in the Clark School in order to have sufficient classroom space. The plan of the Growth Committee and the School Board is to use this basement room for one year and then add two more rooms to the existing building so that the substandard basement room is only used as a temporary room prior to building. Following through on this plan, two new rooms will be added to the most recent addition of the Clark School for the school year 1960-61. The extremely crowded condition in our present second grade is fully recognized and appreciated and it is planned that the two-room addition programmed for 1960-61 will relieve this situation.

In line with the above increase in the number of classrooms, it will be necessary to hire one more teacher to take care of the room in the basement of the Clark School. At this point, the Board feels that the job of principal should become one of full-time administrative principal rather than that of part-time teaching principal which it has been in the past. This would mean that our faculty would consist of a principal and twelve teachers.

The problem of transportation becomes even more complex as our population grows and this is the reason for an increase in the transportation budget. One interesting fact along this line is that the number of students going to Milford High School will increase from 113 to 132 which will necessitate sending another bus to Milford. The increase in the number of students going to Milford, as well as an increase in tuition from \$310 to \$320, is also reflected in the Budget as a major item.

The growth of the school population in the Souhegan Valley has become such a serious problem that there now is a committee from the towns of Wilton, Milford, Amherst, and Mont Vernon studying the possibility of consolidation. As this group has been study-

ing the situation a relatively short time, it will be necessary to recess our district meeting until a later date so that they may study the situation further and bring in a final report for the town's consideration at that time.

This year we feel quite certain we will end up with a deficiency of approximately \$1,000 due to an increase in tuition pupils. In previous years, we have always encountered a decrease through drop outs. In this year's Budget, we have allowed a margin of three extra tuition students, which the School Board considers to be a minimum figure.

The School Board wants to express its appreciation for the interested work of our teachers, school nurse, art and music supervisors, and the helping teacher, Miss Connolly, and Superintendent Bowley in the field of education. They are a real help in giving the Board professional advice.

We trust that you will give the needs and problems of the public school serious consideration in the light of today's educational requirements and request your co-operation in meeting the proposed budget.

Respectfully submitted,
CURTIS R. WORTHEN, Chairman
PRENTICE SHETHAR, Jr.
JAMES R. WALKER, Secretary

ADMINISTRATION

I herewith present my twentieth annual report, consisting of this discussion together with other reports printed herewith.

INSTRUCTION

Changes

Mr. John Groves — replaced Mr. DeLacey as Principal and teacher of Mathematics, grades 7 and 8.

Miss Cynthia Martin — replaced Mrs. Wheeler in grade 6.

Mr. John Karakostas — replaced Mrs. Carpenter in Social Studies and Science, grades 7 and 8.

Salaries

The average salary of classroom teachers in New Hampshire follows:

	1958-59	1957-58
Elementary	3,981	3,721
Secondary	4,418	4,156
All	4,151	3,888

About 6.8 percent increase.

Since we are competitive with neighbors, consider:

		1958-59	1957-58	1956-57
National Average	N. H. was lower by	624	630	600
Massachusetts	N. H. was lower by	799	760	705
Rhode Island	N. H. was lower by	774	885	905
Connecticut	N. H. was lower by	1199	1060	1030
New York	N. H. was lower by	2049	1797	1930
Vermont	N. H. was higher by	176	290	320
Maine	N. H. was higher by	326	490	595

The differential between our state and the two last states is rapidly closing and the differential in four of the other states is so much higher that it is almost impossible to recruit teachers from Maine or Vermont.

A comparison of teachers with labor or professions is constantly made. Labor works approximately 40

hours per week for 50 weeks or 2,000 hours per year. Some teachers testify to 48 hours for 40 weeks or 1920 hours per year. Surely the professions, teaching is considered a profession because post-secondary professional training is a pre-requisite to employment, would work as many hours as labor. Therefore, some agreement should be possible as to what percent of labor or profession yearly time the teacher is employed. The claims range from 50 to 85 percent. If we chose an arbitrary figure of 70 percent, with an average salary of \$6,000 for skilled labor and \$8,000 for professions, thus we justify an average salary of \$4,200-\$5,600. Choosing a higher percentage, and many would argue for a much higher one, the average salary of classroom teachers would increase. To my mind, these averages have not yet been reached.

The whole purpose of this discussion is to plead for proper recognition of your teachers — a basic necessity in these days of many miracles — before the levelling off of fiscal matter takes place, leaving inequities unadjusted. We need money to recruit the best candidates to go into teaching and must pay them well to keep them as teachers.

COSTS

To keep you aware of our costs as compared with others, I present the following:

	Total cost per Elem. Pupil	Total cost per High School Pupil
Amherst	\$228 30	
Brookline	172 16	
Hollis	207 58	\$321 14
Milford	212 89	310 31
Mont Vernon	176 75	
Bedford	241 86	
Merrimack	220 49	265 68
Nashua	244 60	388 62

New Boston	213 24	411 33
Wilton	258 94	299 26

These costs do not include transportation and capital outlays and are for 1956-57, the last tabulation available. Five other districts adjacent to this Union are included to show what their financial problem is as well as those of this Union. If later figures were available, the probability is that the same comparison would hold as illustrated above. The average for all pupils in N. H. in 1956-57 was \$235.04 for Elementary and \$350.32 for High School.

SOME OBSERVATIONS

"That scholars will not improve under the best of teachers unless they themselves study or are made to study. The teacher can direct, but the scholar must learn." Such is the quote from a town report of a hundred years ago. Is it none-the-less true today?

President Eisenhower in a recent statement speaks in terms of education as a critical area and needing "goals or standards." We look with interest for a development of this idea. Would it be appropriate in America or is it too Russian for our thinking? Does it mean that everyone must take the same work? Dr. Conant has just published his report of a two year study of American high schools. What he has to say concerns all of us. In the first place he would eliminate the small high school and develop larger area comprehensive schools. He would require certain basic courses of all, place pupils in subject sections according to their ability, have vocational courses for the non-college students, encourage the top 15 percent to take more challenging courses, and give special attention to the highly gifted 3 percent and to pupils of low reading ability. In brief, these are his recommendations.

I make these observations because I think the impact of these opinions will be felt throughout the educational

world in the next few years at least. We need to study them carefully.

NEEDS

The need of another teacher and to release the Principal for more administrative work is apparent as we approach the coming year. The proposal is to utilize the basement room at the Clark School and use the small room at the Brick School for another teacher in the junior high grades. This will require very little more capital outlay than is needed to provide more desk and chairs for the enlarged enrollment anyhow.

APPRECIATION

The writer is very grateful to all the School Boards, Teachers, Parents, Pupils and other associates for their contributions to another successful school year.

HAROLD C. BOWLEY,

January 29, 1959

Superintendent of Schools.

OUR HELPING TEACHER

In 1954 the first Helping Teacher's report was published. The program was then in the process of development and its main phases were discussed.

Now, after five years, the role of Helping Teacher seems to have crystalized to a considerable degree. The basic purpose will continue to be the same — to help. Since the sole aim of the school is to educate our children the role of Helping Teacher must be that of help to all concerned with this task. The following is a summary of many of the activities at present connected with this position.

Work with and for the Teachers

Class visitations whenever possible average one a week for each teacher. During these visits the teacher's needs are noted and problems considered. Conferences are arranged if the teacher so desires.

Individual and group conferences are concerned with scheduling, daily and long-range plans, curriculum development, teaching techniques, pupil problems, grouping, promotions, special programs for retarded and gifted, educational materials, etc. Also through individual conferences, progress reports designed to keep the curriculum coordinated as to subject matter, time allotment, and materials, are made twice a year.

The Joplin Plan for better grouping and reading now in effect in four schools requires continued evaluation and consideration.

The Helping Teacher's Bulletin, written each month, is intended to offer helpful suggestions, and to share ideas and useful information.

Group testing. We have a regular testing program from pre-school through Grade 12. Reading readiness tests are given in August to the in-coming first graders. The results are evaluated and the children grouped according to their needs. Other group tests are reading

and mental maturity in Grade One, reading in Grade Two, and by alternation reading, mental maturity, arithmetic and study skills in Grades Three through Nine. A yearly program of reading and language testing is conducted in Grades 10 and 12. Much time is spent in evaluating the tests, interpreting the results and making them available to the teachers. A comparison is made with the results on a Union-wide and on a National basis.

Illustrated talks on various countries and regions of the world are given whenever requested by the teachers. These serve to enrich the social studies program.

Help is given in the selection and use of educational and professional books and materials.

Much work is done with and through the Principals who, without exception, are very cooperative.

Work With Pupils

Pupils are tested individually when it seems necessary to have additional understanding of their particular needs, or when previous records are incomplete. Upon occasion special help is given an individual or a group. This might be a group activity, remedial work, or even helping a left-handed pupil to write.

Conferences are held with pupils who might be having problems concerning work or behavior.

Clinics and first grade registration in the several towns provide opportunities for help.

Work With Parents

Many contacts with parents are possible through the reading readiness program. Parents are present when the children take the tests and desire conferences when the results are made known.

Children having difficulty in making adjustments to any of the many phases of school life are referred to the Helping Teacher by the parent. Contact with the parent must be maintained as long as the problem exists.

Miscellaneous Activities

Planning and organizing workshops, extension courses and other in-service training.

Collecting and distributing educational and professional materials.

Serving on the Steering Commission — a local teachers organization.

Attending school board meetings — Milford regularly, others upon invitation.

Speaking at P. T. A. and other meetings.

Devising tests for certain subject units, but particularly for reading readiness to suit our own needs.

Activities outside the Union would include attendance at Helping Teachers and other educational meetings, conferences at the State Department of Education for the development of a state-wide testing program, as a speaker or consultant at workshops or study groups.

Cooperation on the part of all those directly or indirectly associated with the above program has been responsible for any measure of its success. And so to the Parents, Teachers, Principals, Members of the School Boards, and Superintendent who have helped me to help our children I am very grateful.

Respectfully,

MABEL I. CONNOLLY,
Helping Teacher.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

To the School Board, Superintendent of Schools, and citizens of Amherst:

To you I present my first annual report of the Elementary Schools of Amherst.

School opened Wednesday, September third, 1958, with an enrollment of 357, which was an increase of fifteen over last year's opening day. There are twelve teachers with an average of just under thirty pupils per classroom. The first four grades are in the Clark School. The fifth and sixth grades occupy the lower floor of the Brick School, while the seventh and eighth grades work under a departmentalized system on the upper floor of the Brick School. Next year we expect we will have to use the extra room at the Clark School, which is located downstairs in the wooden building. The Annex is used by the bus students as a depot, and during the day it is used for activities such as singing, music, films, and club meetings.

Our reading program at the Clark School includes the use of the tachistoscope on a three-day week basis, and it is hoped that soon we will be able to schedule its use at the Clark School five days a week. The Joplin Plan of reading is used at the Brick School. It has proven very successful for grades five through eight. The tachistoscope has been used two days a week at the Brick School in conjunction with the reading program.

Miss Wheeler teaches singing in each of the grades once a week, and in the junior high she has a girls' glee club.

Mr. Progris, our teacher of musical instruments, works with grades four through eight on Tuesday mornings, and in the afternoon of that day he teaches group orchestration.

Through the efforts of the P.T.A., many worthwhile projects and services are undertaken. These include

helping with the hot lunch program, dental care and financial assistance, the music program, and interest in the recreational facilities and equipment. Such activities show a great community spirit. Through such organizations better schools and community relations are established.

I would like to thank the School Board, Mr. Bowley, the Superintendent, Miss Connolly, the Helping Teacher, the teachers, Mrs. Gill, the nurse, and Mr. Bowler, the janitor for their cooperation in working so hard to give the children of Amherst the kind of education which is so necessary in this age of spaceships, electronics, and atoms. I want to express my appreciation to all of them, for without their cooperation and hard work, my job as teacher-principal would be made much more difficult.

JOHN GROVES,
Principal.

SYNOPSIS OF AMHERST SCHOOL MEETING

March 7, 1958

Meeting was called to order by Creeley S. Buchanan, Moderator, at 8:00 P. M. Rev. Frank W. Weiskel offered prayer.

The Moderator asked if there were no objections he would dispense with the reading of the warrant. No objections.

Article 1. Creeley S. Buchanan was unanimously elected Moderator for the coming year.

Article 2. Charlotte M. Dreyer was unanimously elected School Clerk for the ensuing year.

Article 3. James R. Walker was unanimously elected member of School Board for three years.

Article 4. Charlotte M. Dreyer was unanimously elected School Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Article 5. Dorothy Davis moved this article be passed — to take it up under School Budget. So moved.

Article 6. Prentice Shethar moved this article be passed because there were no oral reports and to accept reports as printed in the Town Report. Carried.

Article 7. George H. Howard and Orson H. Bragdon were unanimously elected to serve as Auditors for the School District.

Article 8. Dorothy J. Davis gave a detailed explanation of each item on the budget from 1 to 4 inclusive. Prentice Shethar explained items from 5 to 13 inclusive. Curtis Worthen itemized and explained the items from 14 to 26 inclusive.

John Morison, of the Ways and Means Committee, recommended the School District place all their insurance with a Mutual Insurance Company this year. Not carried.

Amendment by Lawrence Hall to accept the present form of handling the insurance this year and to be studied by the School Board for future years. Carried.

Richard Smith inquired in regard to item 17, Tuition. The fact that payments were made to school districts other than Milford. Mr. Harold Bowley explained these payments were in connection with State Wards who had previously lived in the Amherst School District.

Richard Smith asked to have item 22, payments to Richard Crocker and Dorothy Davis, clarified. Dorothy Davis explained that the Richard Crocker payment was for the improvements to the school yard, and the payment by Dorothy Davis of \$1,000 was for the new roof.

Moved that the District raise and appropriate \$134,770.92 for the support of schools, for the salaries of School District officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town. Carried.

Article 9. Prentice Shethar moved that the District authorize the School Board to negotiate an exclusive contract with Milford, to take our tuition pupils for a five year period at the rates charged by Milford within the limits permitted by law. Carried.

Article 10. John Morison, of the Ways and Means Committee, recommended the hiring of a full-time teacher be deferred until next year. Several citizens spoke for and against this Article. Dorothy Davis, Curtis Worthen, and Prentice Shethar agreed with the recommendation, they feel the present teaching staff is adequate at the present time.

Mrs. Catherine Kruger requested the voting be done by ballot.

Louis Heaton, Otto Neugebauer, and Vincent Brine

were appointed to check voters' names off the check-list as voters deposited votes in the ballot box.

Tenney Clough, Dwight Richardson, and Arnold Wight were appointed as tellers.

Henry Carter, Jr., and Harold Eastman were appointed to distribute ballots.

Meeting recessed a few minutes for the completion of voting.

The result of the voting was as follows:

Total number of votes cast	132
In favor of recommendation	71
Opposed to recommendation	61
Carried.	

Article 11. No new business.

A rising vote of thanks and a hearty applause was given Dorothy Davis for her seven years of service on the School Board.

Moved to adjourn 11:10 p. m.

CHARLOTTE DREYER,
School Clerk.

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF
AMHERST SCHOOL BOARD**
(For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1957 to June 30, 1958)

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$121,854 80
TOTAL PAYMENTS	121,801 67
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Cash balance, June 30, 1958	\$ 53 13
RECEIPTS IN DETAIL	
Federal Aid:	
National School Lunch	\$ 1,979 28
State Aid:	
School Building Aid	3,090 00
From Selectmen Raised by Taxation:	
Current Appropriation	115,768 19
From Sources other than Taxation:	
Tuitions	405 00
Trust Funds	421 14
Other Receipts	175 53
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Total Receipts from All Sources	\$121,839 14
Cash on hand July 1, 1957	15 66
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GRAND TOTAL	\$121,854 80

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE
(Required by the State Board of Education from all
State Aided Districts)

This is to certify that we have examined the books and other financial records of the School Board of Amherst of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1958, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ORSON H. BRAGDON,
GEORGE H. HOWARD,
Auditors.

PAYMENTS IN DETAIL
July 1, 1957 to June 30, 1958

ADMINISTRATION

1. Salaries of District Officers:

Dorothy Davis, school board	\$56 25	
Prentice Shethar, school board	75 00	
James Walker, school board	18 75	
Curtis Worthen, school board	75 00	
Charlotte M. Dreyer, treasurer	56 25	
Charlotte M. Dreyer, clerk	24 75	
Creeley S. Buchanan, moderator	6 00	
Orson Bragdon, auditor	10 00	
George Howard, auditor	10 00	
	-----	\$332 00

2. Superintendent's Salary (Local Share):

Treasurer, Supervisory Union No. 40	994 50
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3. Tax for State-Wide Supervision:

State Treasurer, \$2 per capita Tax	748 00
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4. Salaries of Other Administration Personnel:

Dorothy Davis, census enumerator	\$ 50 00	
Dorothy Davis, truant officer	25 00	
Treasurer, Supervisory Union No. 40, office clerk and Helping Teacher	1072 50	
	-----	1,147 50

5. Supplies and Expenses:

Treasurer, Supervisory Union No. 40, office expenses and travel	\$557 70	
1957-58 School Board dues	10 00	
Lionel DeLacy, office expenses	20 00	
Charlotte M. Dreyer, treasurer, postage	12 00	
Printing, advertising, etc.	37 44	
	-----	637 14

INSTRUCTION

6. Principal's and Teachers' Salaries:

Charlotte Boutelle	\$3,700 00	
Rachel Brown	3,700 00	
Alice Carpenter	3,500 00	
Lionel DeLacy	3,800 00	
Eva Gagnon	3,600 00	
Sarah Greenhalge	3,700 00	
Alden Hoyt	3,400 00	
Elma Kittredge	3,700 00	
Mary McGee	3,800 00	
Lucy Richardson	3,200 00	
Emma Wheeler	3,200 00	
Virginia Young	3,500 00	
Elsie Wheeler	660 00	
Ralph Parente, Jr.	1,360 00	
Transportation	80 00	
Alfred Engel	850 00	
Mrs. Hollis Harrington	25 50	
Mrs. Max Holland	170 00	
Mrs. Alden Hoyt	34 00	
Mrs. Otto Neugebauer	51 00	
Mrs. Dorothy Paire	68 00	
Mrs. Lucille Palmer	8 50	
Lucy Richardson	140 25	
Marion Rockwell	8 50	
Mrs. Harold Wilkins, Jr.	38 25	
Mrs. Gordon Wright	17 00	
Other	1,211 05	
	*** -----	47,522 05

*** This amount includes deductions for:

National Education Association	\$ 82 00
Insurance	225 08
Income tax	5885 80
Retirement	1775 68
Blue Cross	376 20
Social Security	847 17

7. Textbooks:		
Elementary		1,423 32
8. Scholars' Supplies:		
Elementary		1,406 67
10. Other Expenses of Instruction:		
Catherine Hammond, lip reading	\$250 00	
Other expenses	539 11	
	-----	789 11

OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT

11. Salary of Custodians:		
William S. Wells	\$1462 50	
Alexander J. Godin	500 00	
John Bowler	1604 09	
	*** -----	3,566 59
*** This amount includes deductions for:		
Income tax	\$258 20	
Social Security	80 24	
12. Fuel or Heat:		
Elementary		1,907 70
13. Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses:		
Elementary		2,264 09

MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT

14. Repairs and Replacements:		
Elementary		698 27

AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

15. Health Supervision:		
Alexandre Law, M.D.	\$200 00	
Treasurer, Supervisory Union No.		
40, nurse salary	465 00	
Supplies	35 42	
	-----	700 42

16. Transportation:

Elementary	\$8670 00	
High School	4330 00	
	-----	13,000 00

17. Tuition:

Concord School District	\$ 360 00	
Goffstown School District	231 00	
Milford School District	25,586 93	
Nashua School District	231 00	
Tuition rebate	158 93	
	-----	26,567 86

18. Other Special Activities:

School Lunch	\$1594 21	
Other special activities	339 40	
	-----	1,933 61

FIXED CHARGES**19. Retirement:**

Treasurer,		
Supervisory Union No. 40	\$ 63 23	
New Hampshire Teachers		
Retirement System	3302 03	
	-----	3,365 26

20. Insurance:

Harland H. Holt		1,034 47
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CAPITAL OUTLAY**22. Additions and Improvements:**

Eastman Construction Co.	\$ 70 50	
D. G. Houle Co., Inc.	580 00	
	-----	650 50

23. New Equipment:

Paris Manufacturing Co.	\$232 41	
Philip Morris & Co.	91 00	

A. H. Rice Co., Inc.	74 50	
Southwestern N. H. Transportation Co., Inc.	3 93	
	-----	401 84
25. Principal of Debt		10,000 00
26. Interest on Debt		710 77

TOTAL PAYMENTS		\$121,801 67

OUR TEACHERS

Name of Teacher	Subject or Grade Taught	Exp. Here	Total Exp.
Charlotte Boutelle	Grade 4	33	35
Rachel Brown	Grades 1 & 2	8½	12
Eva Gagnon	Grades 5 & 6	4	13
Sarah Greenhalgh	Grades 2	10	14
John Groves	Principal and Grades 7 & 8	1	5
Alden Hoyt	Grades 7 & 8	3	3
John Karakostas	Grades 7 & 8	1	1
Elmer Kittredge	Grades 3 & 4	8	14
Cynthia Martin	Grade 6	1	3
Mary McGee	Grade 3	14	20
Lucy Richardson	Grade 5	1½	1½
Virginia Young	Grade 1	2	4
Elsie Wheeler	Music	25	27

BALANCE SHEET – JUNE 30, 1958

ASSETS

Cash on hand, June 30, 1958	\$ 53 13
Net Debt (excess of liabilities over assets)	22,946 87

TOTAL	\$23,000 00

LIABILITIES

Notes and Bonds Outstanding	\$23,000 00
Indebtedness June 30, 1958	
Clark School Additions	\$23,000 00

DOROTHY DAVIS,
PRENTICE SHETHAR,
CURTIS WORTHEN,

School Board.

HAROLD C. BOWLEY, Superintendent.

INSURANCE COVERAGE

2½ Story Brick School	\$59,000 00
Park Street School Building	6,500 00
Clark School	64,700 00
Contents	8,000 00

Total	\$138,200 00

SALARIES — 1957-58

a. Superintendent

State's Share		\$2,500 00
Local Share:		
Amherst	\$ 994 50	
Brookline	331 50	
Hollis	841 50	
Milford	2,703 00	
Mont Vernon	229 50	
	-----	5,100 00

		\$7,600 00

b. Helping Teacher

State's Share		\$2,500 00
Local Share:		
Amherst	\$ 565 50	
Brookline	188 50	
Hollis	478 50	
Milford	1,537 00	
Mont Vernon	130 50	
	-----	2,900 00

		\$5,400 00

SCHOOL POPULATION COMMITTEE REPORT

This year's elementary school census of 367 for the 1959-60 classes is slightly greater than the projected capacity of our present plant. However, it is not so much greater than the planned capacity to require additional space for the next year.

The projection would indicate that consideration for more space should be given for the following year, 1960-61.

However, there is at the moment considerable interest in the possibility of consolidating with Milford and several other towns. If this were to come about the proposition would produce a Junior High School, therefore leaving only six grades in town. This of course would relieve the pressure on our facilities in town.

It is also conceivable that this six grade split might rearrange the disposition of the lower grade population with some of the children from this district going to schools nearer their homes and children from other districts attending our schools. Obviously this would have to be studied closely and thoroughly.

The direction in which we go in the next year with regard to our high school will be subject to the decision of the voters in the several towns that might be involved. The action taken cannot be predicted, therefore it is the opinion of this committee to make do with our present structures until the situation is clarified. It is apparent that some definite action must be taken if we are not to create a serious problem and it is the suggestion of this committee that the Amherst School District enter into the study of this consolidation.

To summarize, we recommend hiring one more teacher, and using the basement room next year. We recommend studying the possible consolidation with Milford, and making do with our present plant until a definite conclusion has been reached. At that time a

sound decision can be made as to the requirements we must satisfy.

LAURA PRINCE,
LOUIS B. HEATON,
ROBERT CURRIER,
ROLAND FRASER,
OTTO NEUGEBAUER, Chairman.

February 9, 1959

SCHOOL CENSUS

	Age as of September 1, 1958	Total	Boys	Girls	No. Attending Public School
Under	1	41	25	16	
	1	39	21	18	
	2	41	26	15	
	3	43	17	26	
	4	42	17	25	
	5	40	15	23	2
	6	54	28	26	53
	7	42	22	20	42
	8	46	28	18	45
	9	46	26	20	46
	10	41	24	17	41
	11	48	24	24	48
	12	34	18	16	33
	13	43	21	22	43
	14	40	20	20	36
	15	42	28	14	39
	16	27	14	13	24
	17	21	8	13	11
Totals		730	383	347	463

REPORT OF HEALTH SUPERVISION — 1957-58

Dr. Alexandre Law, M.D., Examiner
(Mrs.) Virginia Gill, R.N., School Nurse

The total number of children examined 207

The following defects, treatments and corrections
were reported:

	Defects	Pupils Receiving Treatment
Defective Tonsils and Adenoids	10	6
Defective Teeth	24	24
Cardiac Disease	1	1
Orthopedic	13	5
Acne	1	1
Defective Vision	7	7
Defective Hearing	3	3
Defective Skin	5	5

Parents were informed of all the above cases.

Diseases Reported:

Chicken Pox	20
Measles	19
Whooping Cough	18
Mumps	4
Impetigo	5

Pre-School Clinics:

April 17 and 24 — No. Examined 29

Dental Clinic:

March 5 — No. Examined 100

No. Home Visits by School Nurse 68

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1957-58

Number of pupils registered during year:	
Boys 185: Girls 161	346
Enrollment by grades:	
I-52; II-42; III-42; IV-44;	
V-46; VI-38; VII-35; VIII-47	346
Average membership in grades 1-8	341.9
Per cent of attendance in grades 1-8	91.3
Number not absent or tardy during year	7
Number of sessions in all schools	354
Teaching positions:	
Elementary	12
Part-time Teachers	2

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Three years: Gail Boutelle.

School Year — 1957-58

Grade 7-8: Robert Mitchell.

Grade 6: Thomas Hartshorn, William Martel.

Grade 5: Wayne Balcom, Gail Boutelle.

Grade 4: Carol Stewart.

Grade 2: Patty Zibell.

AMHERST PUPILS GRADUATING FROM MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL — JUNE, 1958

Crystal Burgess	Ronald Marsh
Carolyn Davis	Linda Merrill
Alfred Frye	Choral Murray
Marylin Green	Gordon Murray
John Hanlon	Ronald Piper
Clematis Jones	Glenna Rooney

**AMHERST PUPILS GRADUATED FROM
EIGHTH GRADE – JUNE, 1958**

Carol Balcom
William Beach
Barbara Brown
Lynne Carter
Carol Cheever
Sally Constantine
David Currier
Duane Curtis
Linda Dreyer
Roderick Eaton
Judith Enright
Cynthia Fitch
Ann Forbes
Sylvia Gould
Robert Grassett
Robertta Griffin
Martha Grundel
Lynda Hancock
Elaine Hansen
Albert Hart
Peggy Hartshorn
Dale Hathaway
Sheila Hathaway

Richard Holland
Albertina Jones
Edward Larner
Louise Marchildon
Joanne Miles
Robert Mitchell
Barbara Noble
David Smith
Joseph Marsh
Richard Merrill
Nancy Morgan
William Relation
Gary Richardson
Ronald Smith
Wesley Smith
Earl Taborne
Nancy Thorell
Maurien Walsh
Nancy Wight
Carol Worthen
Beverly Wilson
Susan Orth
Judy Whaland

